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SUMMARY

A $\frac{1}{1_1}$ -scale model of the Naval Aircraft Factory float-wing convoy interceptor was tested in the Langley 7- by 10-foot tunnel to determine the longitudinal and lateral stability characteristics. The model was tested in the presence of a ground board to determine the effect of simulating the ground on the longitudinal characteristics.

The hull had excessive drag because of the type of propeller installation. Neutral points were calculated which show a positive static margin exists for all conditions investigated. Power had a large stabilizing effect.

An elevator deflection range of -5° to 2° for propeller windmilling and -10° to 2° with power is sufficient to trim through the speed range tested. In the presence of the ground board, a range of -10.5° to 1° with propeller windmilling or with take-off power is required for trim in the landing configuration with the stabilizer set at 3.5°.

Tuft tests indicated that the wing stalled early in the vicinity of the propeller. At higher lift coefficients the wing tended to stall at the allerons, with power accentuating the tendency of the left wing panel to stall. The extreme wing tips remained unstalled.

The effective dihedral, lateral force characteristics, and directional stability with controls fixed were satisfactory.

Rudder lock did not occur for the range of yaw angles tested. Freeing the rudder caused oscillation and severe shaking of the model. Power caused only small changes in directional trim.

INTRODUCTION

At the request of the Bureau of Aeronautics, Navy Department, a general series of tests has been made of a $\frac{1}{4}$ -scale powered model of the Naval Aircraft Factory float-wing convoy interceptor. The purpose of the tests was to determine the longitudinal and lateral stability characteristics of the model with power on and off and wing flaps up and down and to determine the effect of simulating the ground on the longitudinal characteristics. Also included are the results of miscellaneous propeller-off tests and of tests of the isolated horizontal tail. Tuft surveys were made to determine the stalling characteristics of the model.

COEFFICIENTS AND SYMBOLS

The results of the tests are presented as standard NACA coefficients of forces and moments. Rolling-, yawing-, and pitching-moment coefficients are given about the center-of-gravity location shown in figure 1 (24.7 percent of the mean aerodynamic chord). The data are referred to the stability axes, which are a system of axes having their origin at the center of gravity and in which the Z-axis is in the plane of symmetry and perpendicular to the relative wind, the X-axis is in the plane of symmetry and perpendicular to the Z-axis, and the Y-axis is perpendicular to the plane of symmetry. The positive directions of the stability axes, of angular displacements of the airplane and control surfaces, and of hinge moments are shown in figure 2.

The coefficients and symbols are defined as follows:

C_t lift coefficient (Lift/qS)

longitudinal-force coefficient (X/qS)

Cy lateral-force coefficient (Y/qS)

C₂ rolling-moment coefficient (L/qSb)

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pitching-moment coefficient (M/qSc')
C_{\mathbf{m}}
         yawing-moment coefficient (N/qSb)
c_n
         elevator hinge-moment coefficient (H_{\Theta}/qb_{\Theta}\overline{c}^2)
\mathbf{c}_{\mathtt{h_e}}
         rudder hinge-moment coefficient (Hr/qbrc2)
Chn
         effective thrust coefficient based on wing area (Tare/qS)
nD/V
         propeller diameter-advance ratio
         propulsive efficiency (T<sub>eff</sub> V/2πnQ)
η
Lift = -Z
         forces along axes, pounds
L
M
         moments about axes, pound-feet
He
         hinge moment of one elevator, pound-feet
         hinge moment of rudder, pound-feet
H<sub>r</sub>
         propeller effective thrust, pounds
Teff
Q
         propeller torque, pound-feet
         free-streem dynamic pressure, pounds per square foot \left(\frac{\rho V}{C}\right)
q
         effective dynamic pressure at tail, pounds per square foot
qt.
S
         wing area (10.00 square feet on model)
         horizontal-tail area (1.91 square feet on model)
c t
         wing mean aerodynamic chord (M.A.C.) (1.494 feet on model)
ō
         root-mean-square chord of a control surface back of hinge
             line, feet
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wing span (7.458 feet on model)
ъ
Ъe
         span of one elevator along hinge line, feet
         span of rudder along hinge line, feet
p^{2}
v
         air velocity, feet per second
\mathbf{D}_{i}
       propeller diameter (1.862 feet on model)
n
         propeller speed, revolutions per second
and
ρ
         mass density of air, slugs per cubic foot
         angle of attack of horizontal base line, degrees
α
         angle of attack of tail chord line
ŒΨ.
         angle of yaw, degrees
Ψ
         angle of downwash, degrees
€
         angle of stabilizer with respect to horizontal base line,
it
            degrees; positive when trailing edge is down
δ
         control-surface deflection, degrees
β
         propeller blade angle at 0.75 radius (27 degrees on model)
n<sub>o</sub>
         tail-off aerodynamic-center location, percent wing mean
            aerodynamic chord '
         effective dihedral, degrees
Subscripts:
         aileron (a_R, a_T, right and left aileron)
a,
         elevator (e<sub>R</sub>, e<sub>L</sub>, right and left elevator)
r
         rudder
         flap
f
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t

horizontal tail

denotes partial derivatives of a coefficient with respect to yaw (example: $C_{l_{\psi}} = \delta \cdot C_{l} / \delta \psi$)

Abbreviations:

TA thrust axis

Wm propeller windmilling

HRT half-thrust of take-off power

TOP take-off power

MODEL AND APPARATUS

The low-wing seaplane fighter model was supplied by the Naval Aircraft Factory. A three-view drawing and photographs of the model are shown in figures 1 and 3. The airplane is a floatwing type seaplane with a three-blade right-hand propeller set in the hull above the wing trailing edge. Plan-form and blade-form curves for the propeller used on the model are shown in figure 4. The physical characteristics of the airplane are tabulated in tables I, II, III, and IV.

The test program was originally begun with the thrust axis tilted 30 (top of propeller moved back) about the center line of the propeller; but as a result of mechanical difficulties, the remainder of the tests were made with the thrust axis horizontal. A fillet formed of plasticene was added to the horizontal tail where it joined the fuselage. (See fig. 3(a).) For one propeller-off test the opening in the hull for the propeller was sealed and faired thus forming a smooth hull contour with no breaks or gaps. For all tests the cooling-air scoops on the sides of the hull were removed from the model and the openings sealed so that there was no flow through the cooling-air exhaust opening immediately in front of the propeller. The engine exhaust ports in the float step do not exist on the model. A drawing of the $\frac{1}{1}$ -scale model of the horizontal tail, on which isolated tail tests were made in the Langley 4by 6-foot tunnel, is shown in figure 5. An electrical strain gage was used in each elevator and in the rudder for measuring hinge moments. The elevator and rudder gaps on the model were 0.01? and 0.026 inches, respectively; because of inaccuracies in the construction of the model, the aileron and flap gaps were variable and therefore were not measured. Plain flaps were used, and the elevator and rudder had a radius leading edge with minimum balance. There were no tabs on the control surfaces.

In order to simulate ground effect for some tests, the model was mounted in the tunnel above a ground board which completely spanned the tunnel and extended about 40 inches ahead of and 80 inches behind the pivot point. The ground board was placed 12.75 inches below the normal center of gravity at 0° angle of attack, which allowed about 1/2-inch clearance under the model at $\alpha = 12^{\circ}$. (See fig. 6.)

Photographs of tufts to determine the stall progression of the wing were made from the top of the tunnel. The photographs were taken at 1/25 of a second exposure. For this timing condition, a tuft that appears as a point or is pointed upstream indicates stall, while a blurred tuft indicates unsteady flow.

The model propeller was driven by a 56-horsepower electric motor, the speed of which was determined from an electric tachometer whose error is within $\pm\,0.2$ percent.

The model was tested in both cruising and landing configurations away from the ground and in landing and take-off configurations near the ground board. The flaps were set at 0° deflection for the cruising and take-off configurations and at 60° for the landing configuration. The flap deflection was the only variation of the model in the different configurations.

TESTS AND RESULTS

Test Conditions

Langley 7- by 10-foot tunnel. The tests were made at dynamic pressures of 16.37, 9.21, 4.09, and 1.02 pounds per square foot, which corresponded to airspeeds of about 80, 60, 40, and 20 miles per hour. The test Reynolds numbers were about 1,120,000, 840,000, 560,000, and 280,000 based on the wing mean aerodynamic chord of 1.494 feet. The dynamic pressures of 16.37 and 9.21 were used for propeller windmilling and power on, respectively. Because of the turbulence factor of 1.6 for the tunnel, the effective Reynolds numbers (for maximum lift coefficients) were about 1,790,000, 1,340,000, 890,000, and 440,000.

Langley 4- by 6-foot tunnel. The tests were made at a dynamic pressure of 13 pounds per square foot, which corresponds to an airspeed of about 72 miles per hour. The test Reynolds number was about 450,000 based on the tail average chord of 0.679 feet. Because of the turbulence factor of 1.93 for the tunnel, the effective Reynolds number (for maximum lift coefficients) was about 880,000.

Corrections

Langley 7- by 10-foot tunnel. The data obtained with the ground board in place were not corrected for tares caused by the model support strut because of the impracticability of obtaining tares. Jet-boundary corrections were not applied because they have been shown to be negligible for the ground-board test installation. All other data have been corrected for tares caused by the model support strut; and jet-boundary corrections have been applied to the angles of attack, the drag coefficients, and the tail-on pitching-moment coefficients. The corrections were computed as follows by use of reference 1:

$$\Delta c_{\mathbf{X}} = -0.0165 c_{\mathbf{L}}^{2}$$

$$\Delta c_{\mathbf{m}} = -8.23 c_{\mathbf{L}} \left(\frac{\delta_{\mathbf{T}}}{\sqrt{q_{\mathbf{L}}/q}} - \delta_{\mathbf{w}} \right) \left(\frac{\delta c_{\mathbf{m}}}{\delta \mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{t}}} \right)$$

where

Δa is in degrees

 δ_w (0.1145) jet-boundary factor at the wing

 δ_{T} (0.204 to 0.214) total jet-boundary correction at the tail

All jet-boundary corrections were added to the test data.

Langley 4- by 6-foot tunnel. The data have been corrected for tares caused by the model support strut. A jet-boundary correction was applied as follows:

$$\Delta \alpha = 1.161C_{L}$$

The jet-boundary corrections to the hinge moment were not applied since they were negligible.

Test Procedure

A propeller calibration was made by measuring the longitudinal force of the model with flaps retracted and horizontal tail off at an angle of attack of 0° for a range of propeller speeds. Thrust

coefficients were determined from the relation

The torque coefficients were computed by use of a calibration of motor torque as a function of minimum current. The results of the model propeller calibration are presented in figure 7.

The variations of thrust and torque coefficient with lift coefficient for the full-scale airplane and the model are shown in figures 8 and 9. The data for the full-scale airplane were obtained from full-scale propeller data. The thrust coefficients of the airplane were reproduced during power-on tests by the use of figures 7 and 8 to match the propeller speed and lift coefficient of the model. The value of $T_{\rm C}$ for the tests with propeller windmilling was about -0.022. In general, the torque coefficients for the model were not the same as the airplane coefficients. (See fig. 9.)

At each angle of attack for power-on yaw tests the propeller speed was held constant throughout the yaw range. Since the lift and thrust coefficients vary with yaw when the propeller speed and angle of attack are held constant, the thrust coefficient is strictly correct only at zero yaw.

Lateral-stability derivatives were obtained from pitch tests at angles of yaw of $\pm 5^{\circ}$ by assuming a straight-line variation between these points. The large-symbol points on the plots of lateral-stability derivatives were obtained by measuring slopes through zero yaw from yaw tests.

Because previous tests indicated that propeller operation had little effect on the flow over the ailerons, all the aileron tests were made with the propeller windmilling.

Presentation of Results

An outline of the figures presenting the results is given below. (Figs. 1 through 9 are model drawings, photographs, and power charts.)

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DISCUSSION
Propeller-Off Tests
A comparison of propeller-off and propeller-windmilling data
(figs. 10 and 17), shows that the propeller causes C_m to be
slightly more negative. The $\frac{dC_m}{dc_L}$ of the different stabilizer
settings appear to be almost the same with propeller-off and propeller windmilling.
With an increase in Reynolds number from 280,000 to 1,120,000 (fig. 11), $C_{\rm I_{max}}$ increased 20 percent, $C_{\rm X}$ became 27 percent
less negative at zero lift, and the static longitudinal
stability $\frac{\partial C_{\underline{m}}}{\partial C_{\underline{L}}}$ increased from -0.122 to -0.162. All the increase
in $\frac{\partial C_m}{\partial C_L}$ occurred between the Reynolds numbers of 280,000 and 560,000
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Figure 12 gives a value of elevator effectiveness $\frac{1}{55}$
of -0.0161. This value compared with the value of -0.0147 for the propeller windmilling (fig. 23(a)) shows that the propeller

the propeller windmilling (fig. 23(a)) shows that the propeller when windmilling reduces the elevator effectiveness about 9 percent.

The only measurable effect of the teil fillet (fig. 13) occurs in the longitudinal force coefficient; removing the tail fillet made C_X slightly less negative throughout most of the lift range.

The drag of the hull is large because the propeller is located in an opening in the middle of the hull. Figure 14 shows that the hull propeller opening caused the minimum drag to be about 46 percent higher than when the cut-out was covered with simple fairing. The opening also caused a small decrease in the slope of the lift curve, and increased the static longi-

tùdinal stability $\frac{dC_m}{dC_L}$ about 0.01.

Isolated Tail Characteristics

A series of tests was made on the horizontal tail to investigate the lift and hinge-moment characteristics over a complete range of elevator deflections with the elevator hinge gap open and seeled. (See figs. 15 and 16.) The isolated tail hingemoment coefficients are based on the average of the right and left elevator hinge moments. The values of the various parameters which were read over ranges of $\pm 4^{\circ}\alpha$ and $\pm 5^{\circ}\delta_{e}$, respectively, are summarized in the following table:

	Gap sealed	Gep open	Gap sealed and faired
Cla	0.050	0.049	0.052
Cla	.036	.034	
ab	68	67	
Cha	002	003	
Cha	0066	0063	

Longitudinal Stability

Neutral point. Figure 21 presents the variation of neutral-point position and the effective tail-off aerodynamic center location calculated from stabilizer and elevator data. A positive static margin exists for all conditions investigated for the normal center-of-gravity location. Power has a large stabilizing effect while flap deflection and inclination of the thrust axis (with windmilling propeller) have very little effect.

The stabilizing effect of power, particularly as shown by the shift of the tail-off aerodynamic center, is greater than would be caused by the thrust and normal force of the propeller. Part of the increased stability must be caused by change of air flow over the wing.

Effect of power on downwash and dynamic-pressure ratios .- An

increase of $\frac{d(q_t/q)}{d\alpha}$ and $\frac{d\varepsilon}{d\alpha}$ with power over the values for the windmilling condition is shown in figure 22 for the cruising and landing configurations. The values of $\frac{q_t}{q}$ and ε were calculated using isolated-teil data given in figure 15. For the windmilling propeller ε is about $1/2^\circ$ to 1° less with the thrust axis tilted 3° then with the thrust axis horizontal. No power-on data are available with the thrust axis tilted.

Elevator deflection required for trim.— It appears (fig. 25) that an elevator deflection range of -5° to 2° for propeller windmilling and -10° to 2° with power is sufficient to trim through the speed range tested with the tab neutral, $i_{\rm t}=3.50^\circ$, and center of gravity at 24.7 mean aerodynamic chord in either cruising or landing configuration.

Ground Effect

The results of stabilizer and elevator tests (figs. 26 through 29) with the model tested near the ground board shows that the presence of the ground board increased $C_{L_{CL}}$ 6 percent with the propeller windmilling and 17 percent with power over the values of $C_{L_{CL}}$ with the model away from the ground board (figs. 19, 20, 23, and 24). Near the ground board $C_{L_{max}}$ was slightly lower than when the model was tested away from the ground.

A comparison of figure 30, which presents the neutral points calculated from the ground-board date of figures 26 and 27, with figure 21 shows that the model is, in general, more stable near the ground.

Values of the downwash angle and dynamic-pressure ratios at the tail of the model near the ground were calculated using isolatedtail data (fig. 15) and are shown in figure 31. The presence of the ground reduced downwash angles and dynamic pressure ratios. From figure 32 it appears that with $i_t = 3.5^\circ$ in the landing configuration a range of elevator deflection of -10.5° to 1° is required for trim with either the propeller windmilling or with take-off power.

Stalling Characteristics

The results of tuft tests of the model with propeller windmilling and with take-off power are presented in figure 33 for the cruising configuration and in figure 34 for the landing configuration.

For the windmilling propeller, cruising and landing configurations, the stall appears to start at the trailing edge of the root section in the region of the propeller at rather low lift coefficients. Application of power tends to increase the area near the propeller over which the flow is stalled, especially over the left wing. The application of power also accentuates the tendency of the left wing panel to stall in the region of the aileron before $C_{\rm L_{max}}$ of the model is reached. The right wing panel tends to stall in the vicinity of the aileron, but the extreme tip of both wing panels remains unstalled.

Lateral Stability

Stability derivatives at small angles of yaw. In the cruising configuration for both propeller windmilling, and take-off power (fig. 35), the effective dihedral varies between 6.5° and 8° over most of the lift range with the exception of a sudden drop in the effective dihedral for the propeller-windmilling condition at a lift coefficient of 0.94. This sudden change in dihedral effect is probably a result of unsymmetrical wing stall. The effective dihedral in landing configuration with propeller windmilling varies from 8° at a lift coefficient of 0.25 to 3.5° at a lift coefficient of 1.43; for the same configuration with take-off power it varies from 9.5° at a lift coefficient of 0.21 to 4.5° at a lift coefficient of 1.57.

Directional stability exists ($C_{n_{\psi}}$ is negative) for all the conditions tested; $C_{n_{\psi}}$ varies from approximately -0.0005 to -0.0050 over the lift range. Directional stability increases about 40 percent over the lift range for take-off power because of the increased slipstream velocity ratio. For untrimmed conditions the large

positive values of $C_{Y,\psi}$ indicate that the lateral-force characteristics will be in the correct direction, that is, right bank will accompany right sideslip and vice versa.

Rudder characteristics. Figure 37 shows the characteristics in yaw of the model for propeller windmilling with the rudder free. An undesirable reversal in the slope of the C_n curve occurs at about $\pm 20^{\circ}$ yaw. There are no rudder-free data for higher power conditions. Oscillations of the rudder occurred when the model was tested with the rudder free, causing the model to shake badly. At angles of attack above 5.4° in landing configuration and at any angle of attack in cruising configuration, this shaking became so severe that the model could not be yawed past about $\pm 20^{\circ}$, nor was it possible to read the scales at smaller angles of yaw. No rudder lock occurs within the range of yaw angles tested. Figure 38 shows a small negative value for $C_{h,\psi}$ in each power condition

tested in the cruising configuration. In the landing configuration (fig. 39) $C_{h_{ij}}$ is zero for propeller windmilling and take-off

power and 0.0022 for half thrust of take-off power. $c_{h\delta_r}$ (figs. 38

and 39) has large negative values increasing with $T_{\rm C}$. The rudder has sufficient effectiveness to trim at yaw angles of at least $\pm 20^{\circ}$ for all conditions tested.

Miscellaneous power effects.— This model was rather unusual for single-engine airplanes with single-rotating propellers in that the vertical tail seems to be so located in the propeller slipstream that power caused very small changes in the rudder deflection required for trim at $\psi=0^{\circ}$. However, power did cause a large amount of asymmetry, particularly in the pitching-moment coefficient and rudder hinge-moment coefficient at large angles of yaw where for high power operation nearly 10° of elevator deflection is required to trim the change in $C_{\rm m}$ in 20° of yaw.

Aileron characteristics. The results of the aileron tests are shown in figure 40. For both cruising and landing configurations $\frac{dC_1}{d\delta_a}$ at $\alpha=0^\circ$ is about 0.0014. The yawing-moment coefficient is small throughout most of the angle-of-attack range in both configurations. At high angles of attack, however, there is a considerable reduction in aileron effectiveness for maximum aileron deflection.

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Results of wind-tunnel tests of a $\frac{1}{4}$ -scale model of the Naval Aircraft Factory float-wing convoy interceptor indicate that:

- 1. The drag of the hull is large because of the type of propeller installation. The propeller opening in the hull caused the minimum drag to be about 46 percent higher than when the cut-out was covered with a simple fairing.
- 2. The model had satisfactory longitudinal stability with the normal center-of-gravity location for all conditions tested. Power had a large stabilizing effect, while flap deflection had very little effect.
- 3. An elevator deflection range of -5° to 2° for propeller windmilling and -10° to 2° with power is sufficient to trim through the speed range tested. In the presence of the ground board, a range of -10.5° to 1° with propeller windmilling or with take-off power is required for trim in the landing configuration with the stabilizer set at 3.5°.
- 4. Stall tests made with tufts on the wing showed that the wing stalled early in the vicinity of the propeller. At higher lift coefficients the wing tended to stall at the ailerons, with power accentuating the tendency of the left wing panel to stall. The extreme wing tips remained unstalled.
- 5. The effective dihedral, lateral-force characteristics, and directional stability with controls fixed were satisfactory.
- 6. When the model was tested with the rudder free, the rudder oscillated and caused the model to shake. No rudder lock was indicated within the range of yaw angles tested.

7. Power caused only small changes in directional trim but did create asymmetry of the pitching-moment coefficient through the yaw range.

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TABLE I.- PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE NAVAL AIRCRAFT FACTORY FLOAT-WING AIRPLANE

Type Float-wing seaplane interceptor
Engine: Manufacturer's designation Ranger XV-770-9
Ratings: Normal power 565 bhp at 3200 rpm at sea level 450 bhp at 3200 rpm at 27,000 ft
Military power 625 bhp at 3400 rpm at sea level 500 bhp at 3400 rpm at 27,000 ft
Take-off power 625 bhp at 3400 rpm at sea level Propeller gear ratio 17:11 (0.6471)
Propeller:
Type Aeroproducts
Diemeter, ft
Landing gear: None (float-wing seaplane with catapult and retrieving hooks)

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TABLE II .- AIRPIANE WEIGHT-BALANCE SUMMARY

	Gross weight (1b)	Center of gravity			
Condition		(in. behind airplane nose)	(percent M.A.O.)	(in. above horizontal base line)	
Fighter normal	4000	125.97	24.7	¥2.55	
Fighter overload	4319	123.83	21.7	42.02	

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TABLE III.- AIRPIANE WING AND TAIL-SURFACE DATA

	Wing	Horizontal tail	Vertical tail
Area, sq ft	160	30.50	15.50
Span, ft	29.83	11.25	6.04
Aspect ratio	5.56	4.15	2.35
Taper ratio	0.40	0.45	
^a Dihedral, deg	9	Upper surface maximum ordi- nates in same place	
Sweepback, quarter chord line, deg	0		
Root section	66-2-216	0009-64	
Tip section	66-(216)-212	0009-64	
bAngle of incidence at root, deg	6	Adjustable C.1 to 9.5	o
bAngle of incidence at tip, deg	ļţ	Adjustable 0.1 to 9.5	О
Mean aerodynamic chord, ft (starting 5.25 in. aft of leading edge at center line)	5.98		
Root chord, ft	8.00	3.48	
Theoretical tip chord, ft	3.18	1.56	

^aDihedral measured from bottom surface of wing.

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bAngle of incidence measured with respect to horizontal base line.

TABLE IV .- AIRPIANE CONTROL-SURFACE DATA

	Ailerons	Elevators	Rudder	Flaps
Percent span	33.50	98.50	100.00	40.00
Area, behind hinge line, sq ft	7.91	12.08	9.70	15.30
Balance area, sq ft	Minimum he.lance	Minimum balance	Minimum balance	Minimum balance
Root-mean-square chord, behind hinge line, ft	0.80	1.16	1.39	
Distance to hinge line from normal center of gravity, ft		15.62	16.07	

Flan deflections, deg (corresponding powers)

FIGURE LEGENDS

- Figure 1.- Three-view drawing of the $\frac{1}{4}$ -scale NAF seeplane model.
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Figure 23 .- Continued.

(a) Concluded.

Figure 23 .- Continued.

(b) Take-off power

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(b) Continued.

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Figure 24.- Continued.

(a) Concluded.

Figure 24.- Continued.

(b) Half thrust of take-off power.

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(b) Continued.

Figure 24 .- Continued.

(b) Continued.

Figure 24.- Continued.

(b) Concluded.

Figure 24.- Continued.

(c) Take-off power

Figure 24.- Continued.

(c) Continued.

Figure 24.- Continued.

(c) Continued.

Figure 24.- Concluded.

(c) Concluded.

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(a) Windmilling; $\alpha = 0.54$.

Figure 38.- Continued.

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(a) Concluded.

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(b) Take-off power, $\alpha = 1.46$.

Figure 38.- Continued.

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(b) Concluded.

Figure 38.- Continued.

(c) Windmilling; $\alpha = 5.94$

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(c) Continued.

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(c) Concluded.

Figure 38.- Continued.

(d) Take-off power; $\alpha = 5.16$

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(d) Continued.

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(d) Continued.

Figure 38.- Concluded.

(d) Concluded.

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(a) Windmilling; $\alpha = 3.26$.

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(a) Concluded.

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(b) Half thrust of take-off power, $\alpha = 2.89$.

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(b) Concluded.

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(c) Take-off power, $\alpha = 0.50$.

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Figure 39.- Concluded.

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(a) Cruising configuration.

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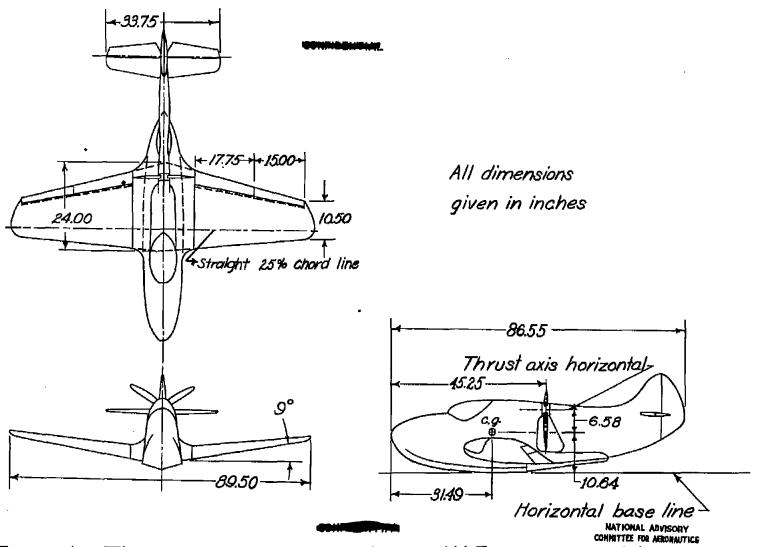


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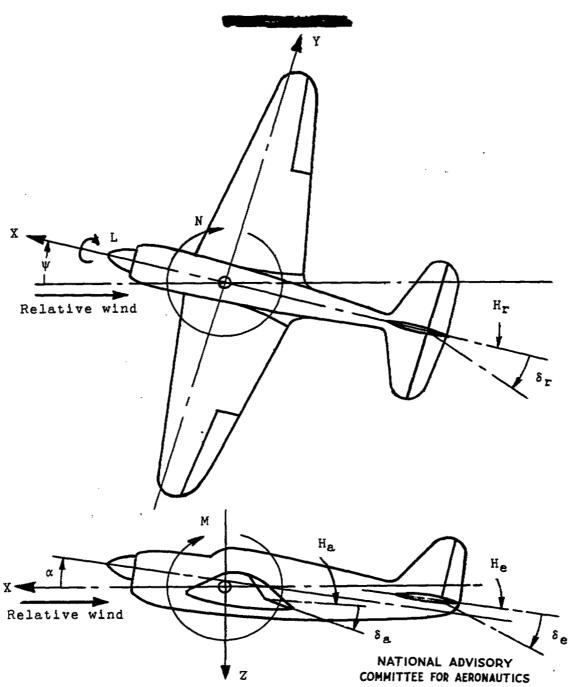


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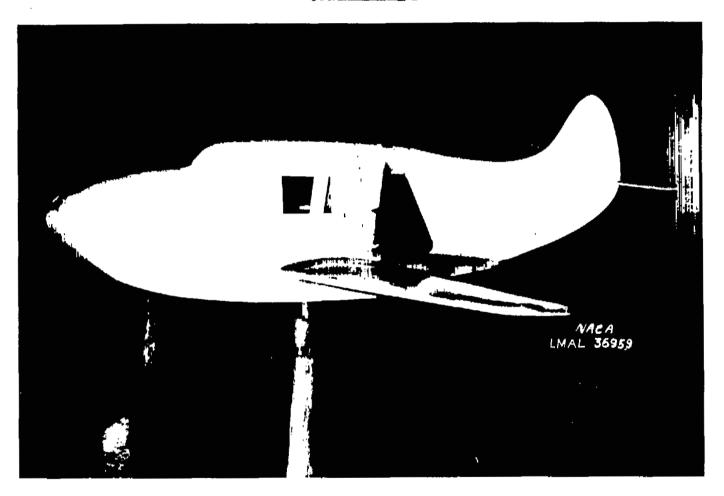


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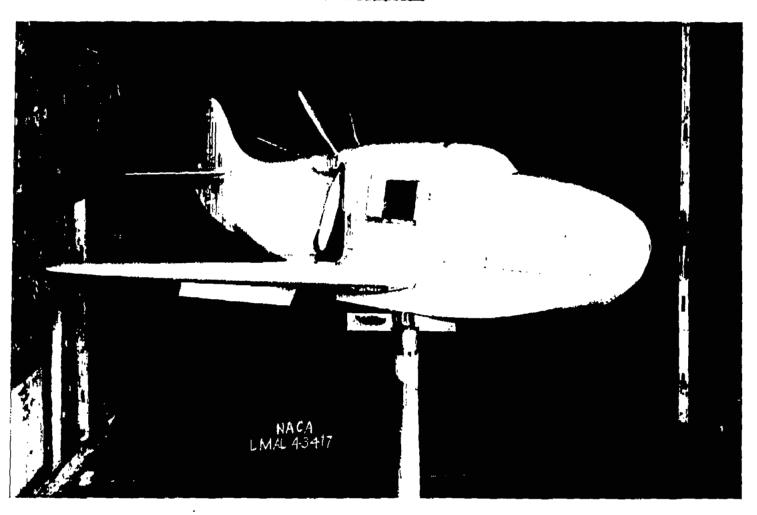
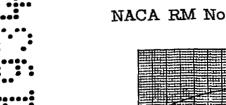
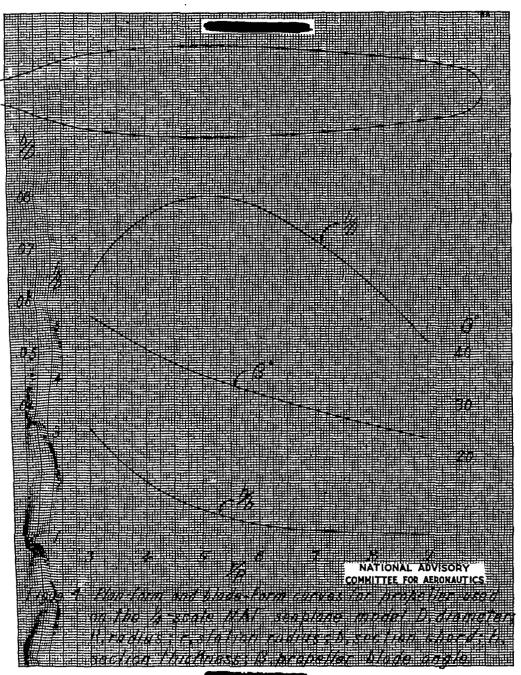


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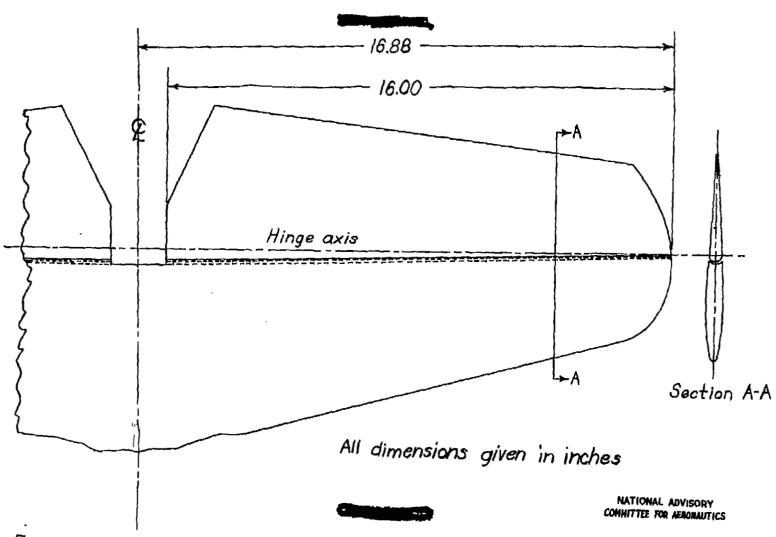
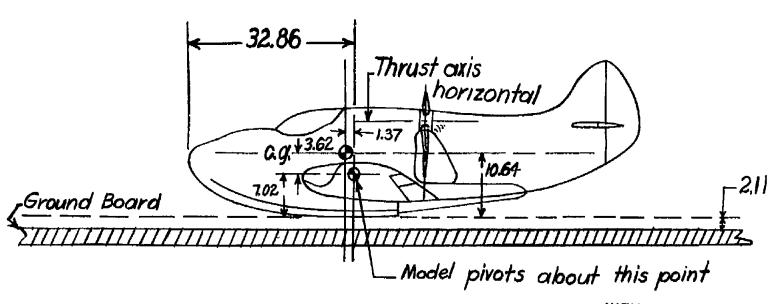


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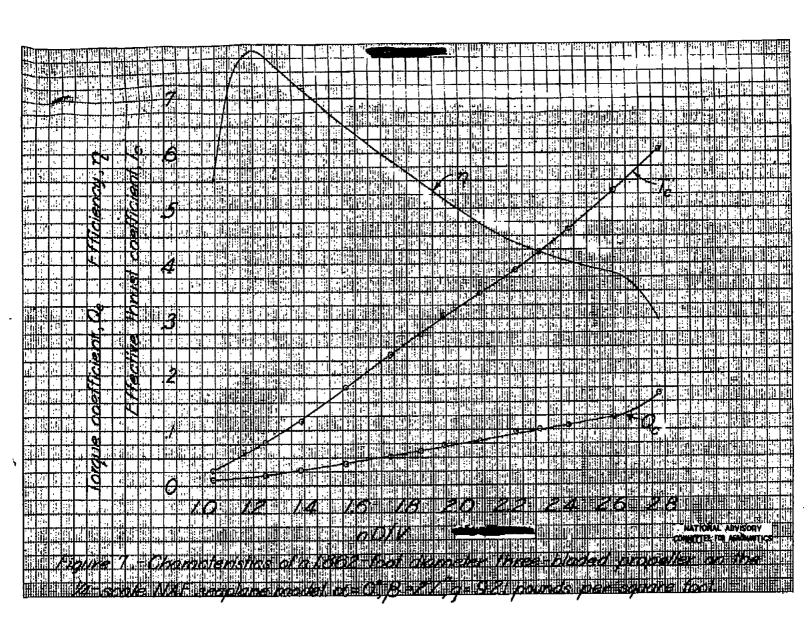
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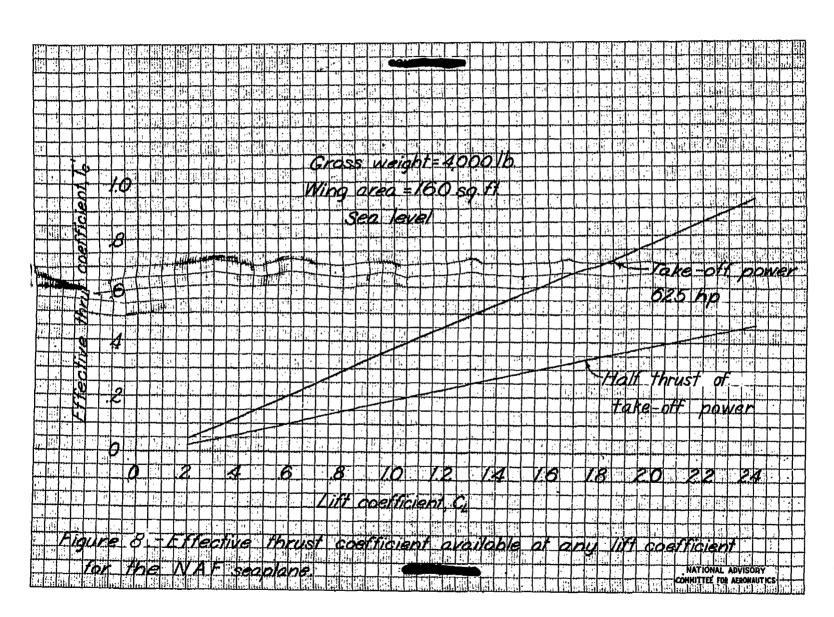
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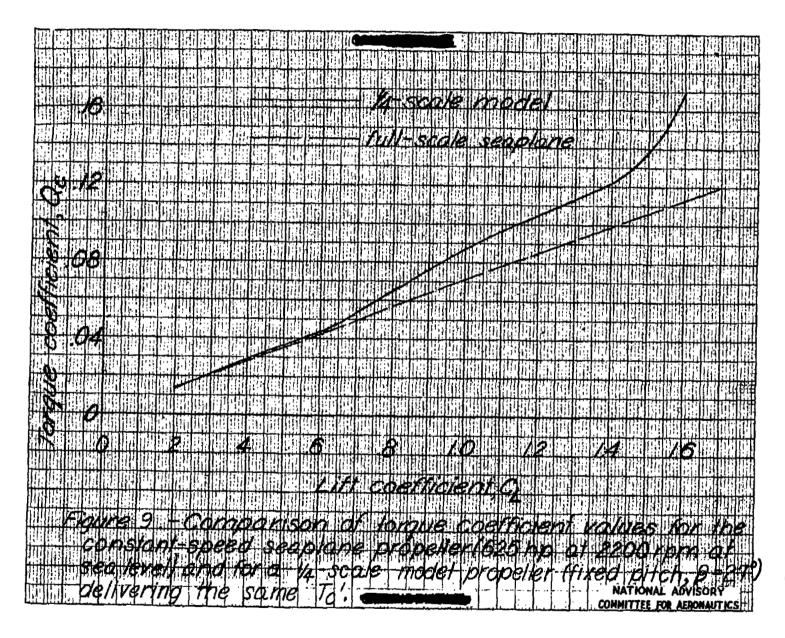
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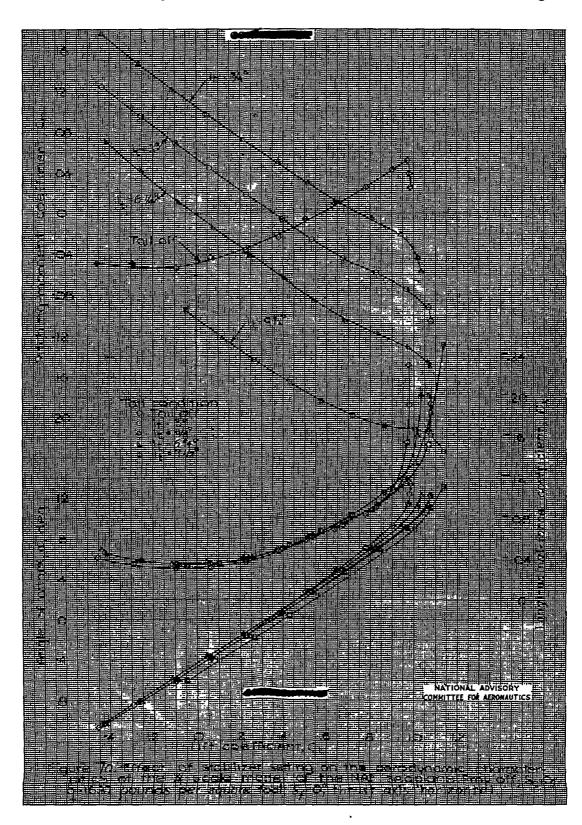




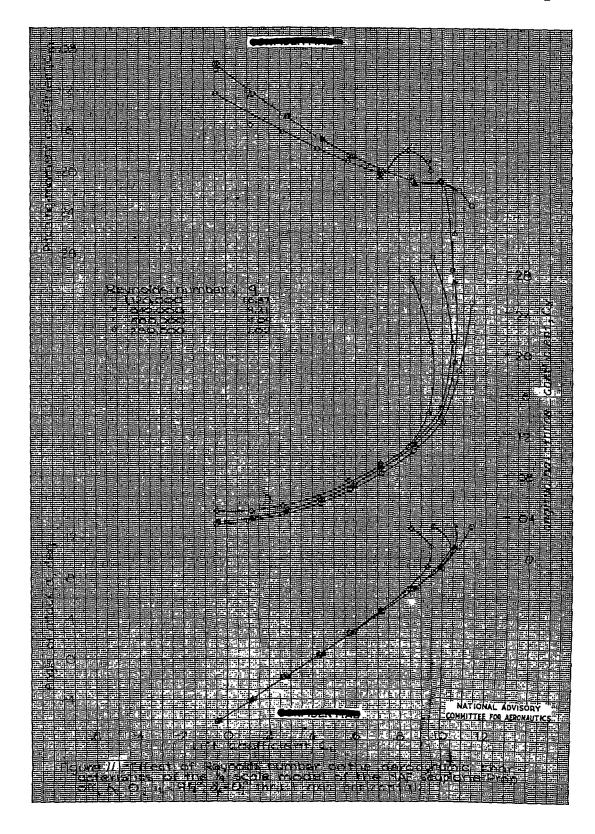


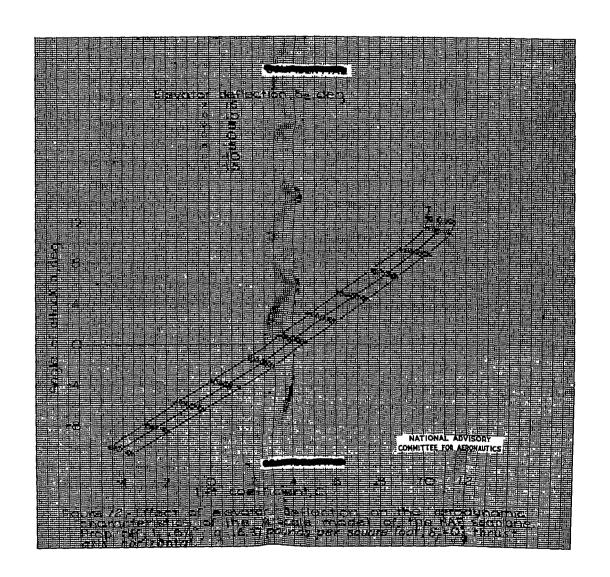




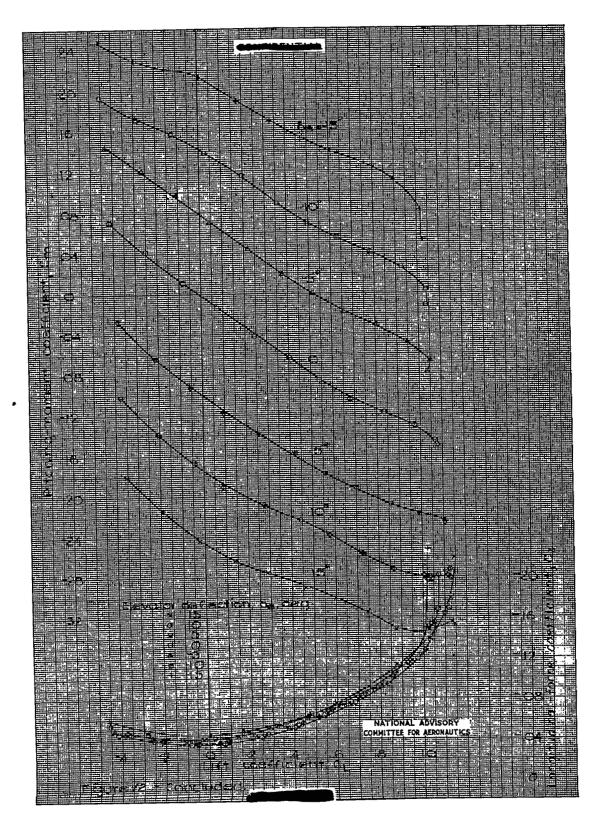




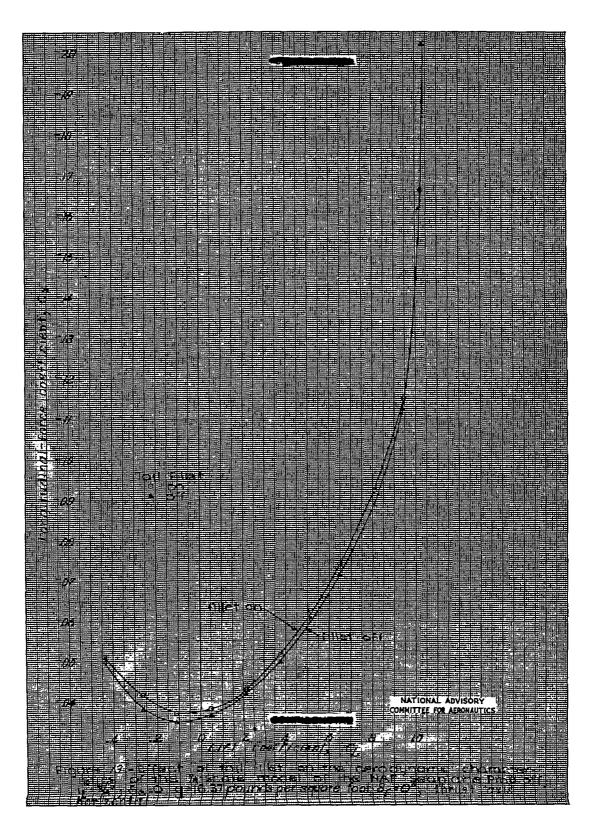




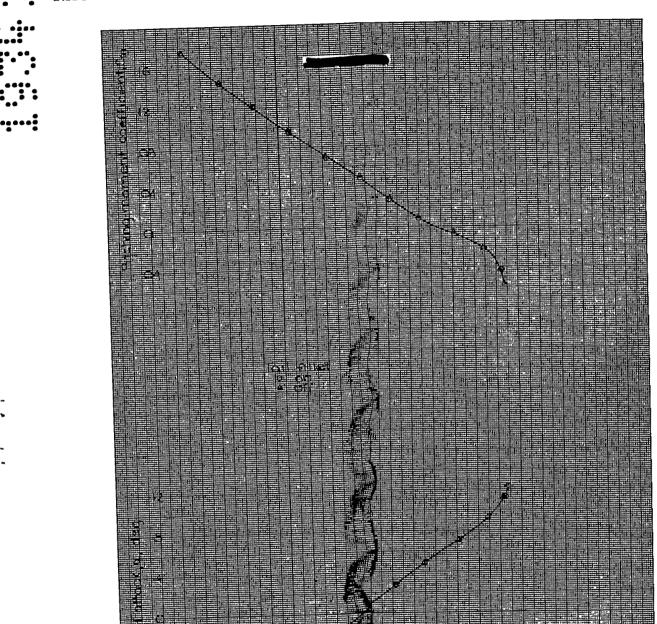




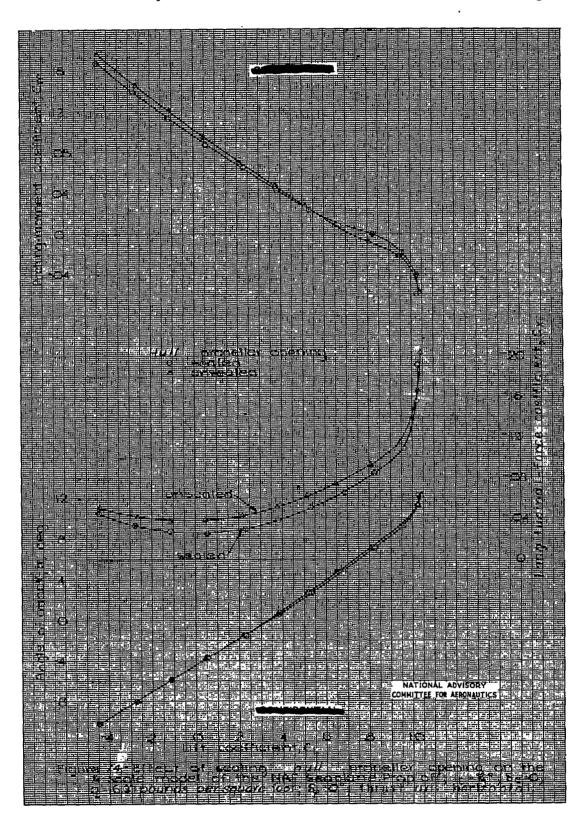




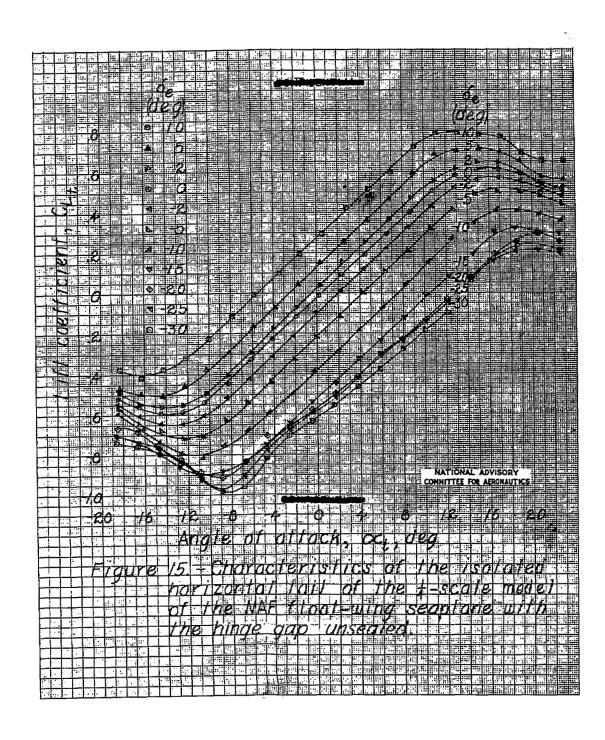






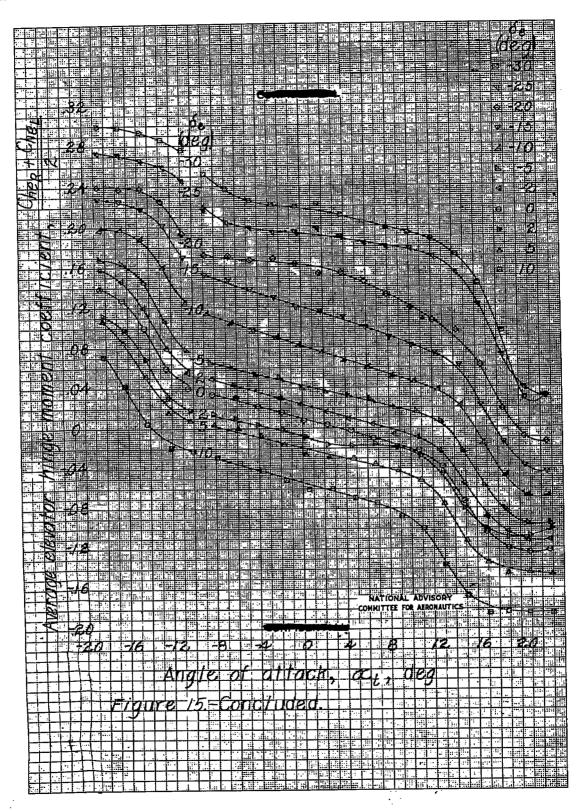




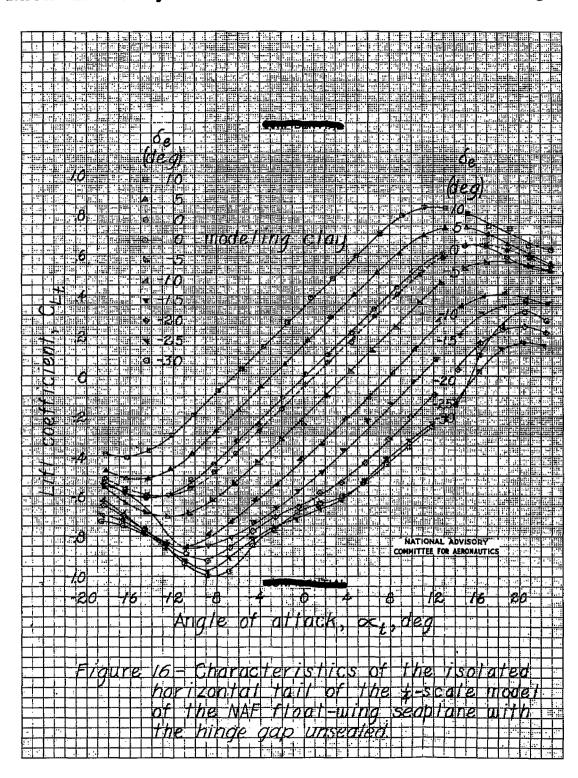




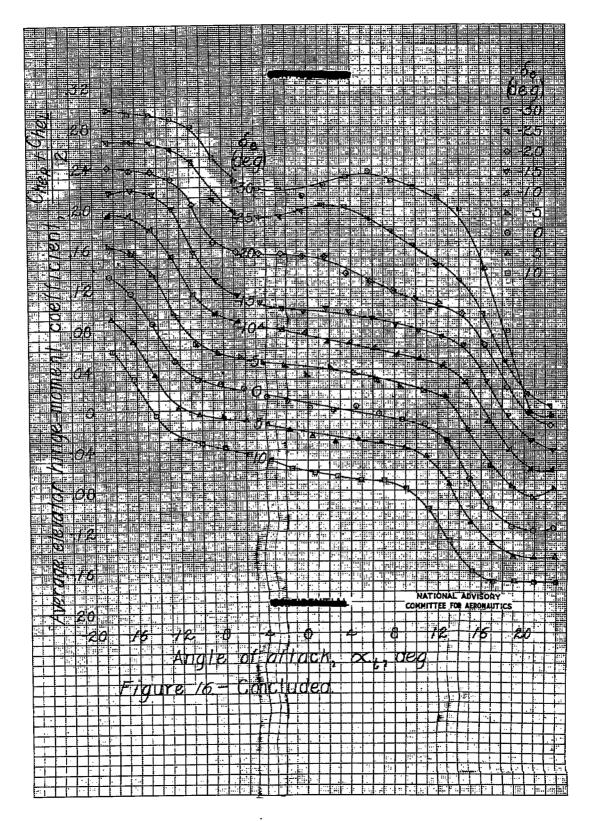




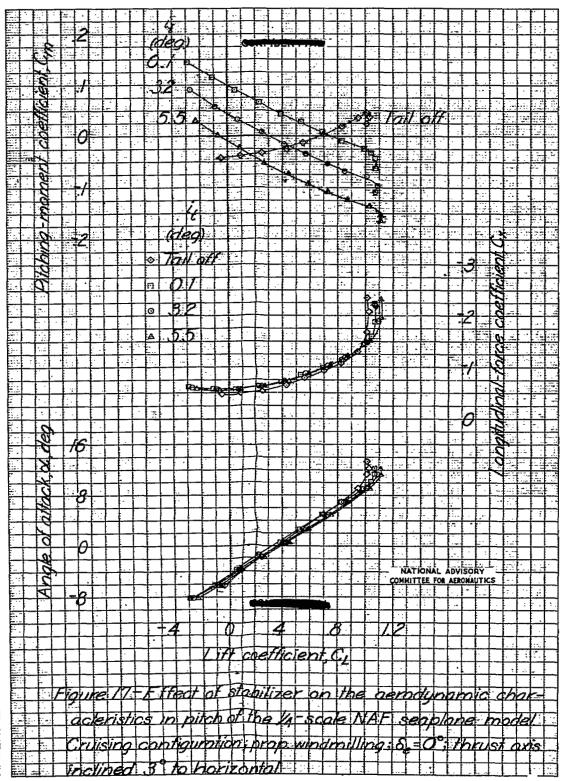








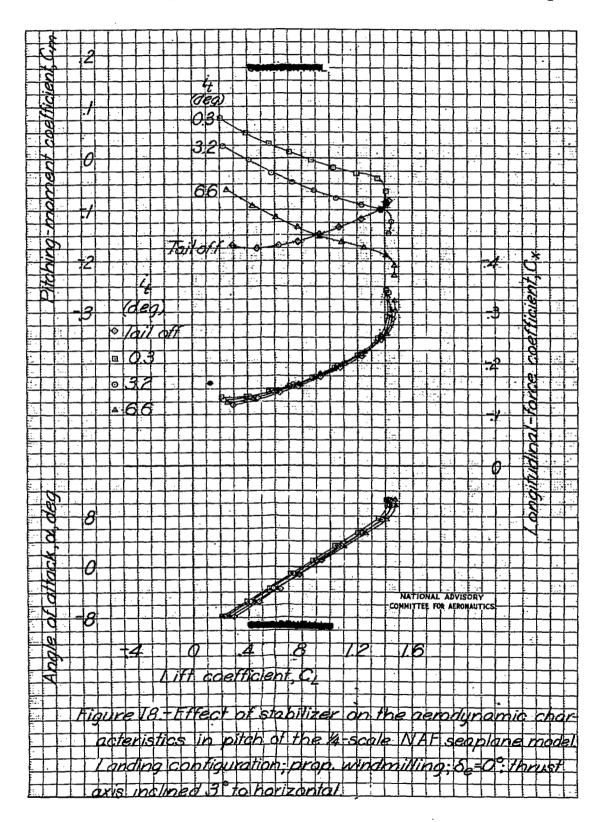




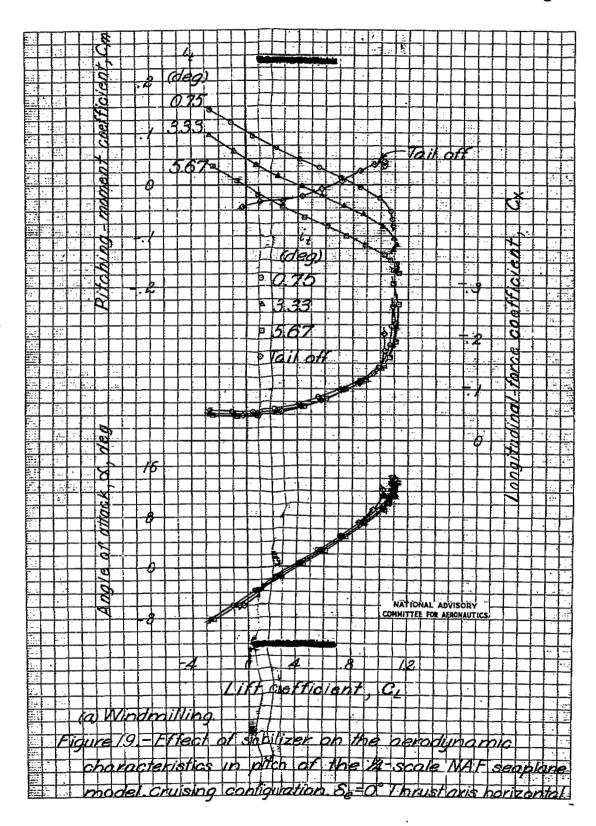
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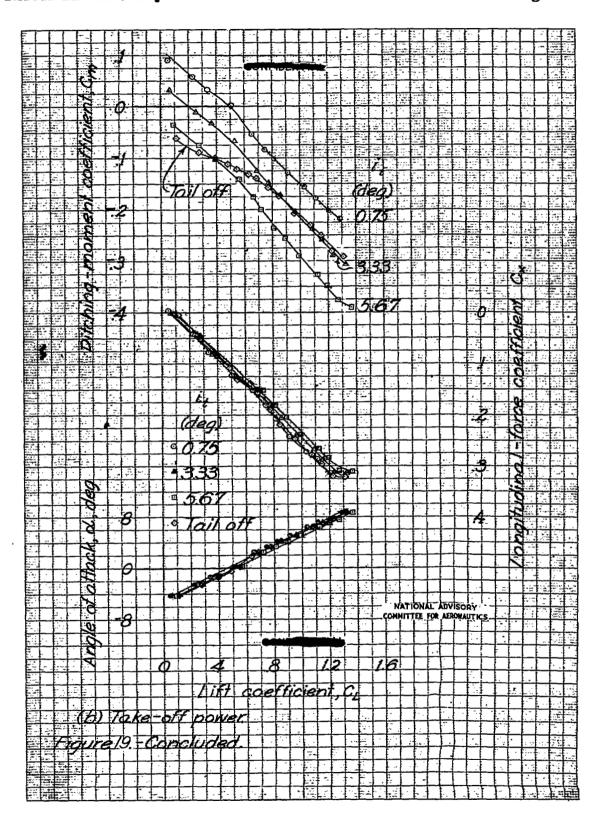




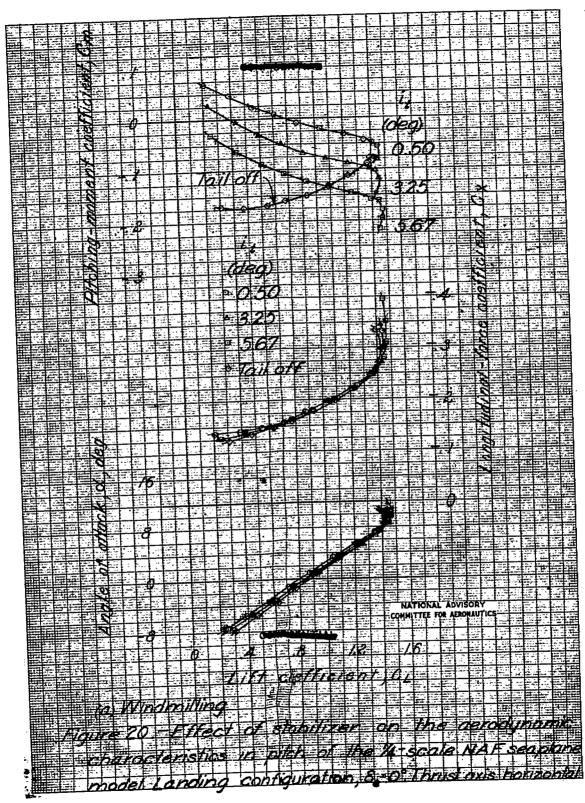




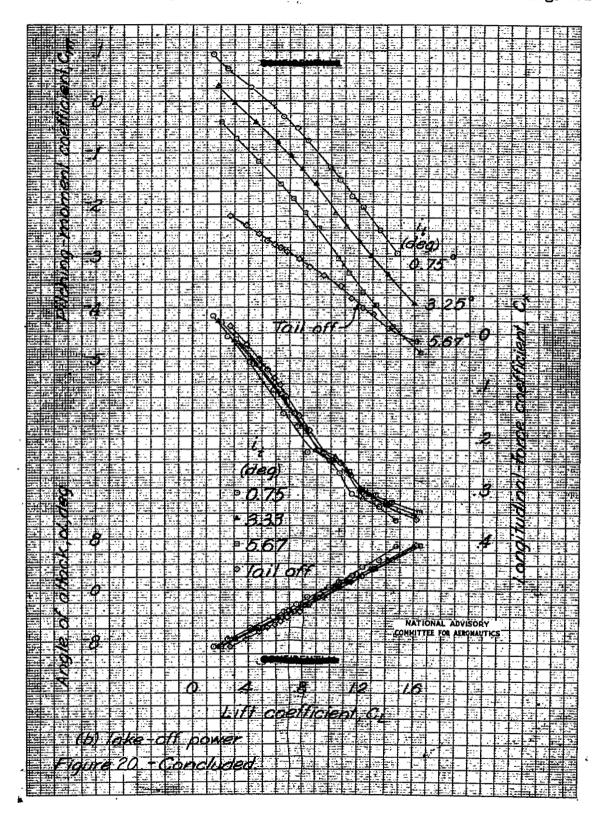




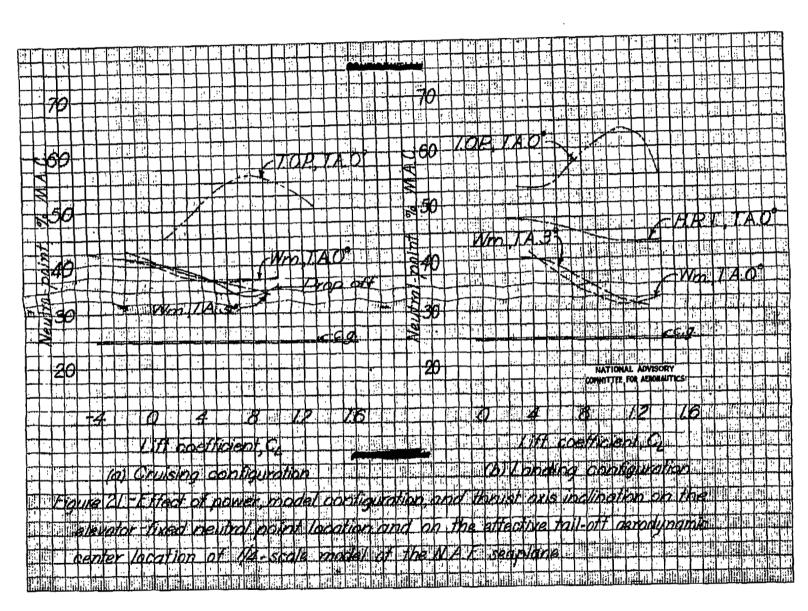


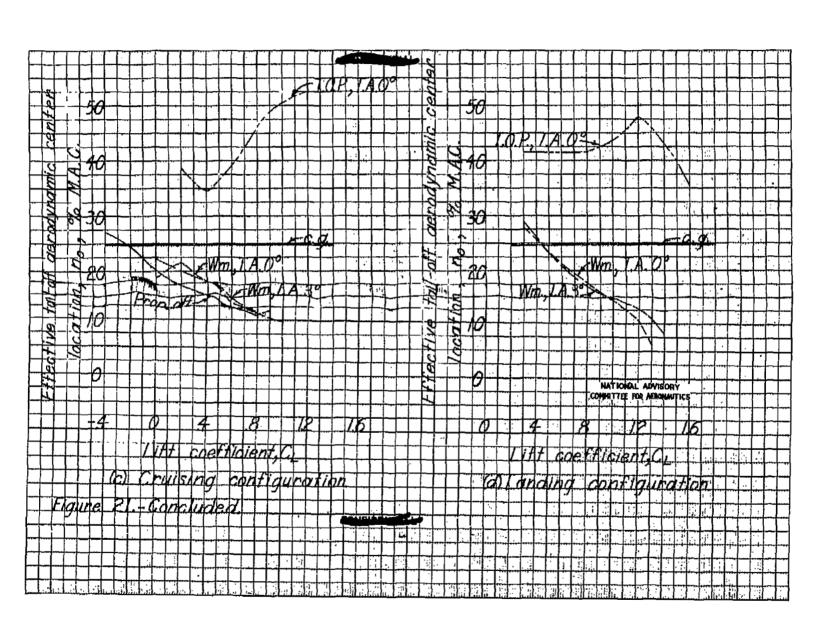




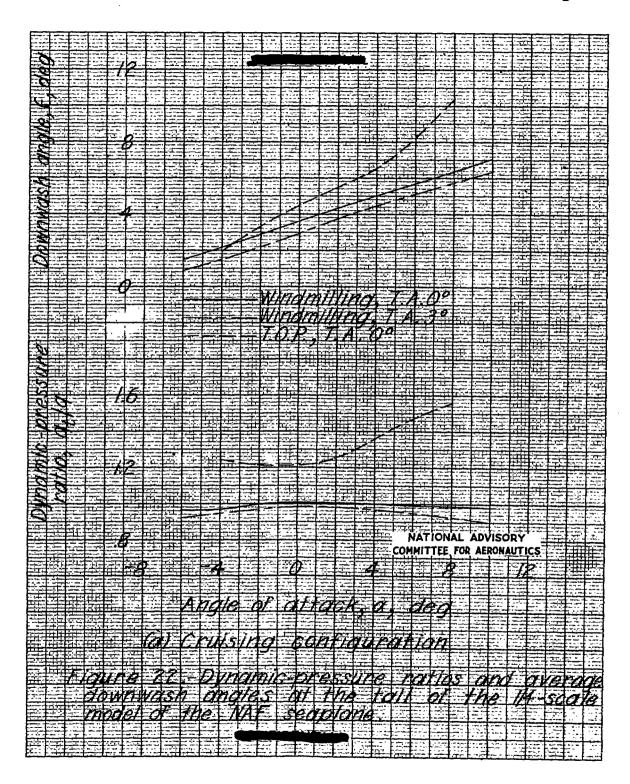


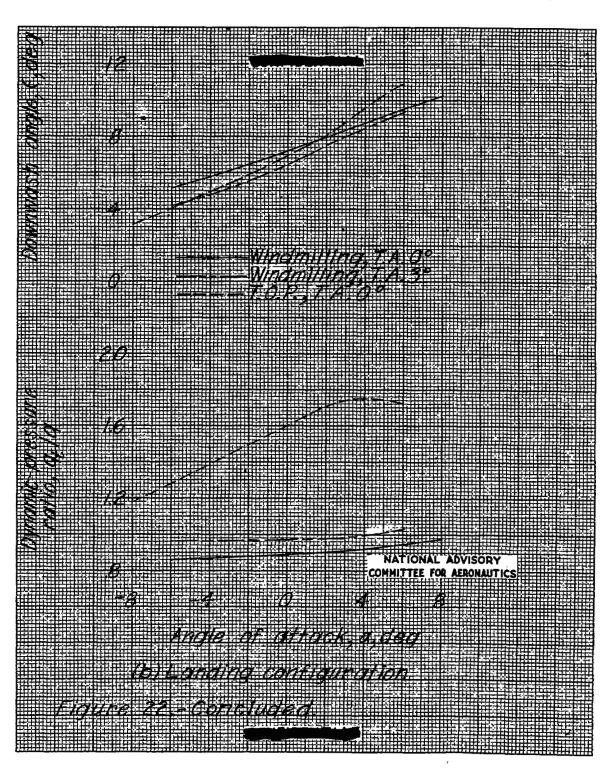




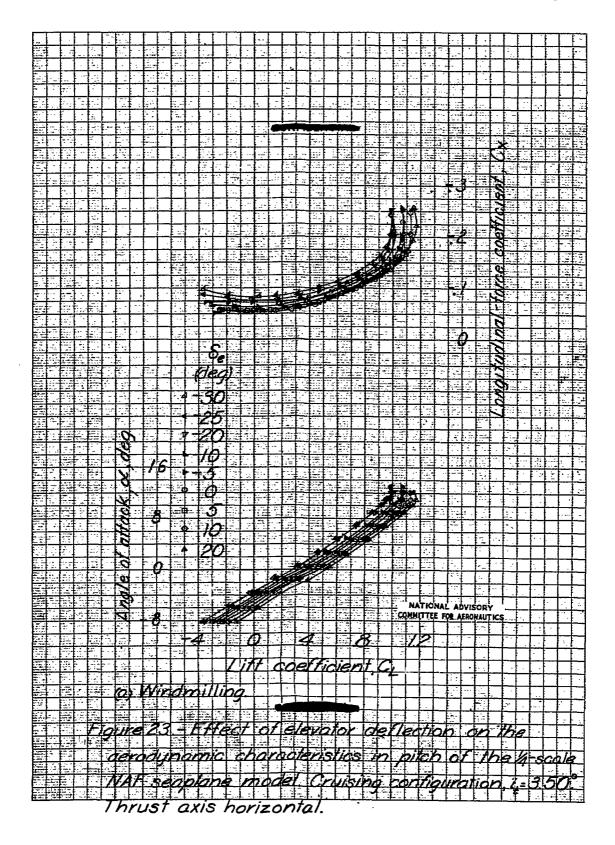


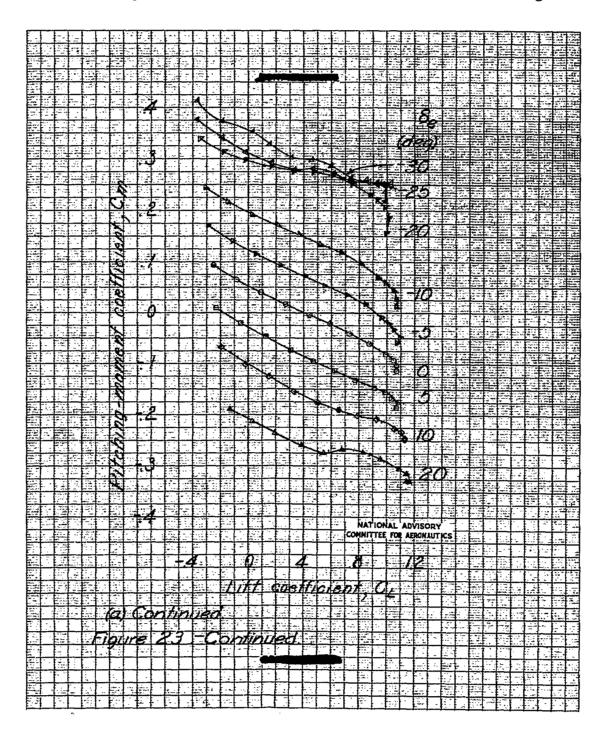




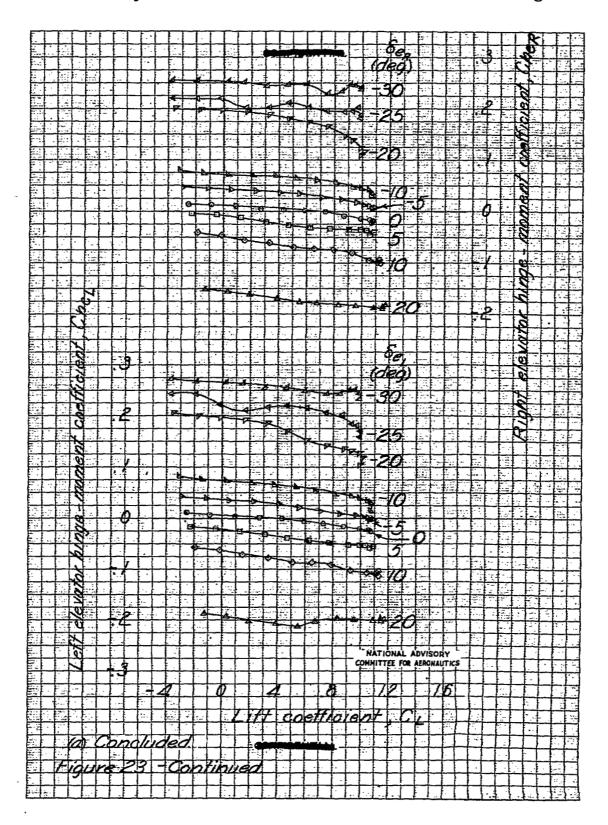




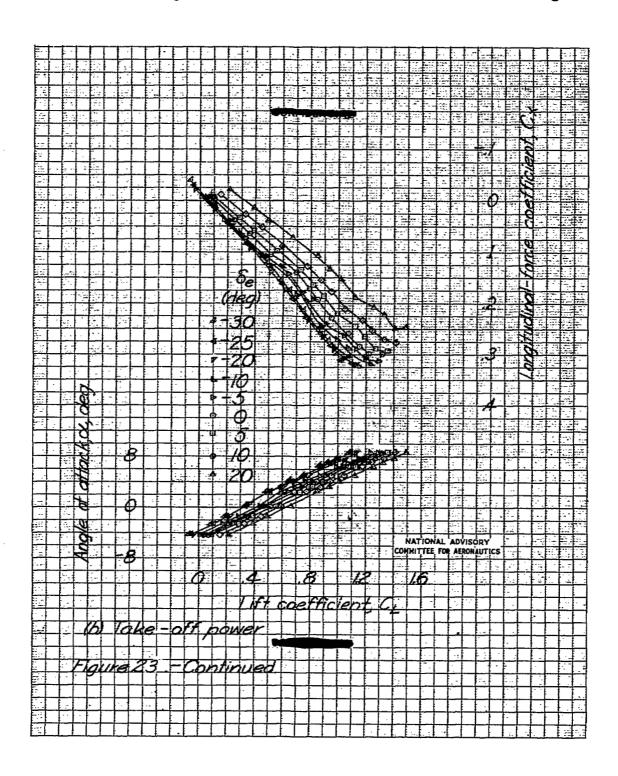




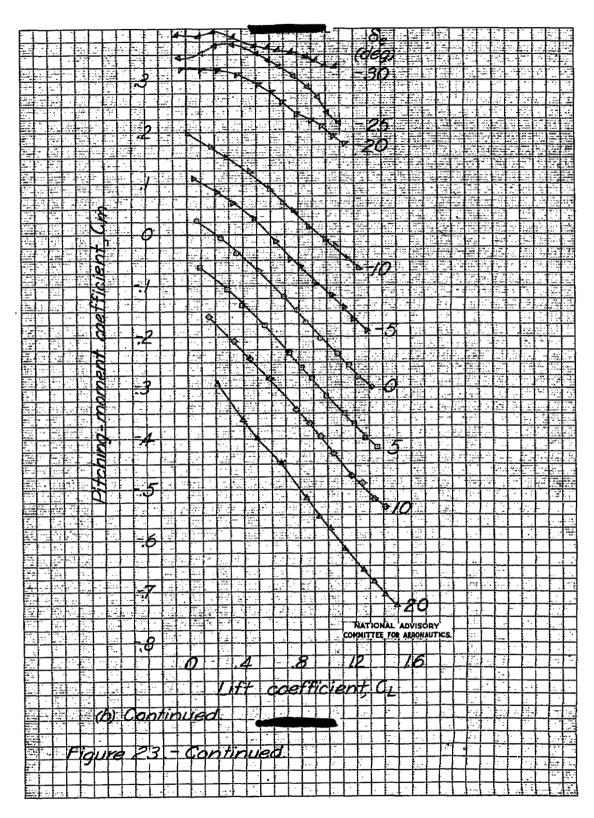




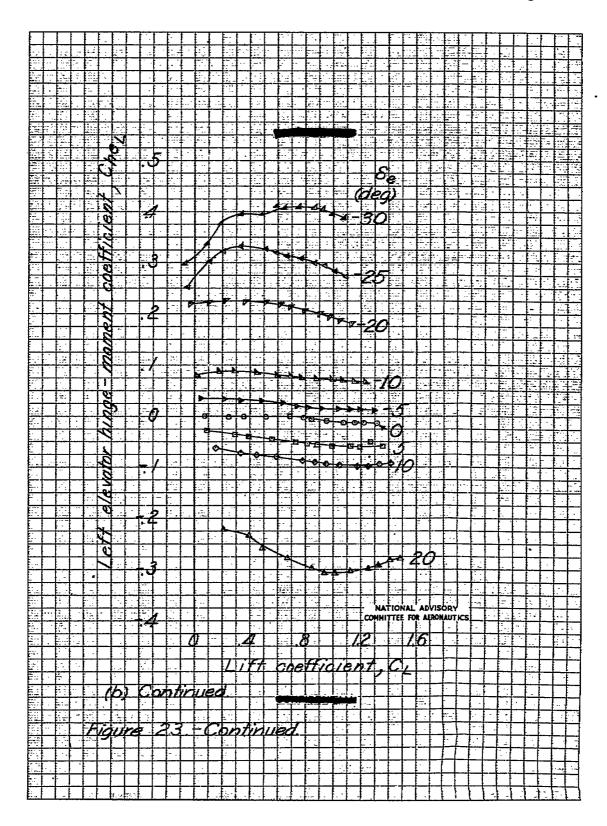




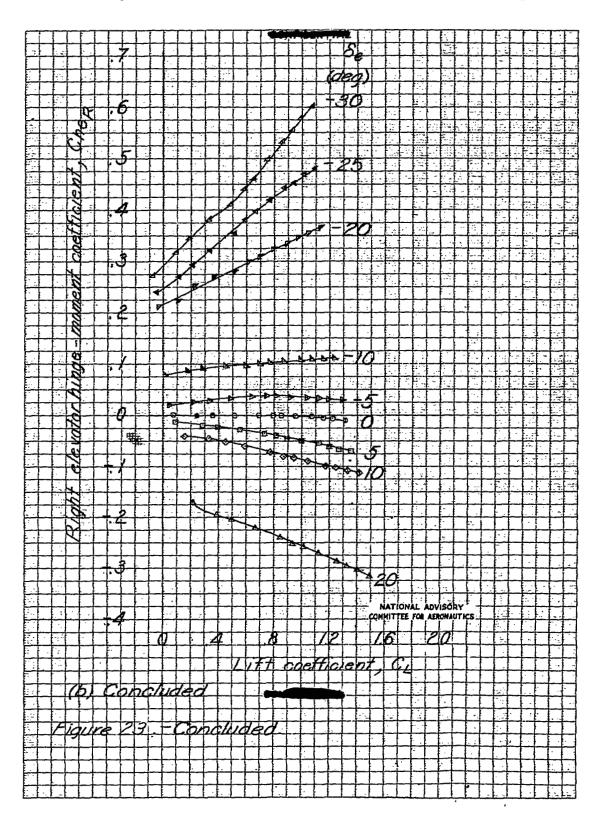




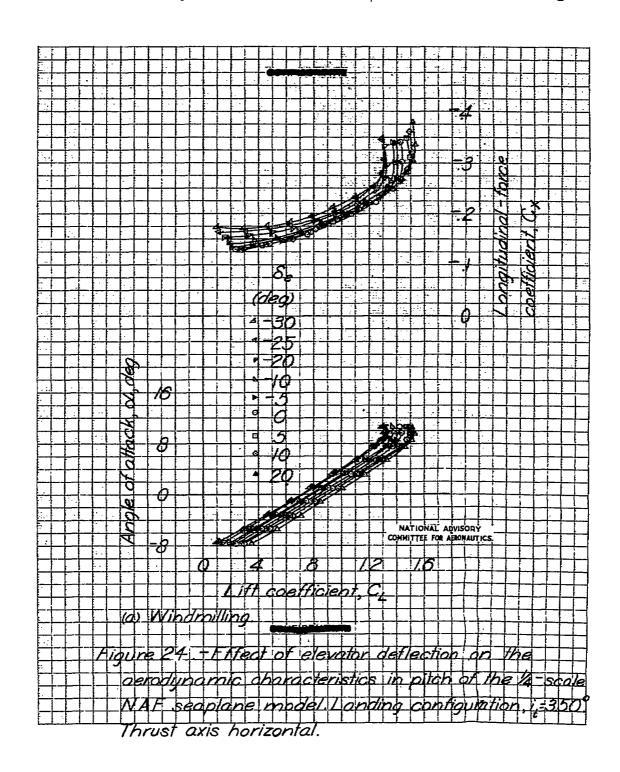




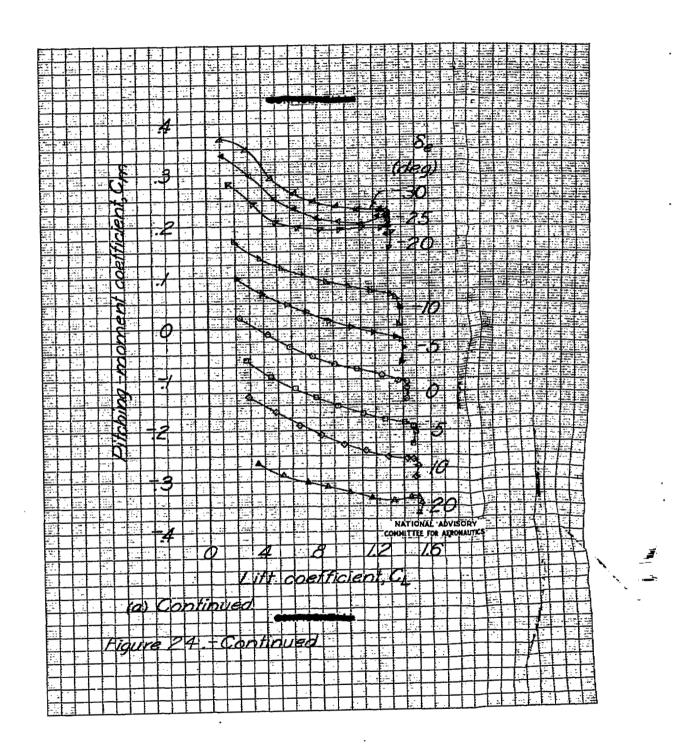




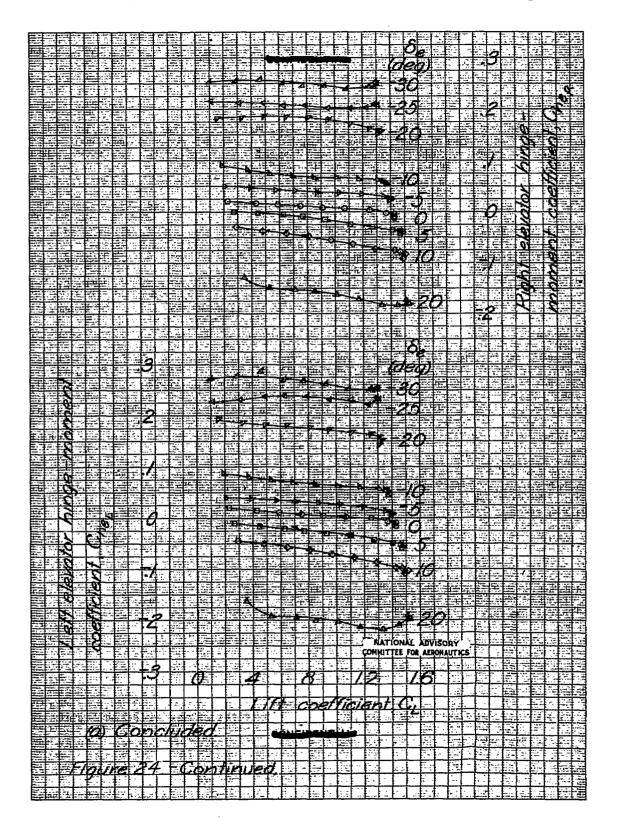




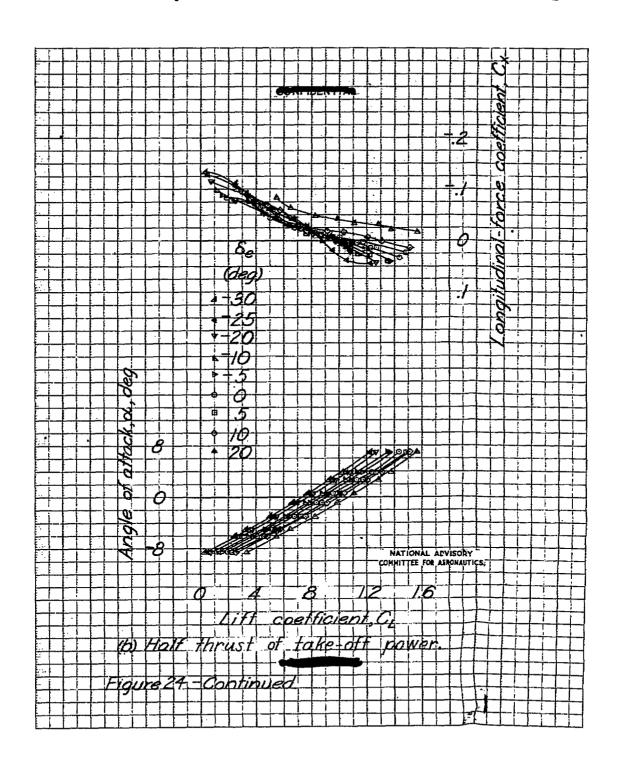




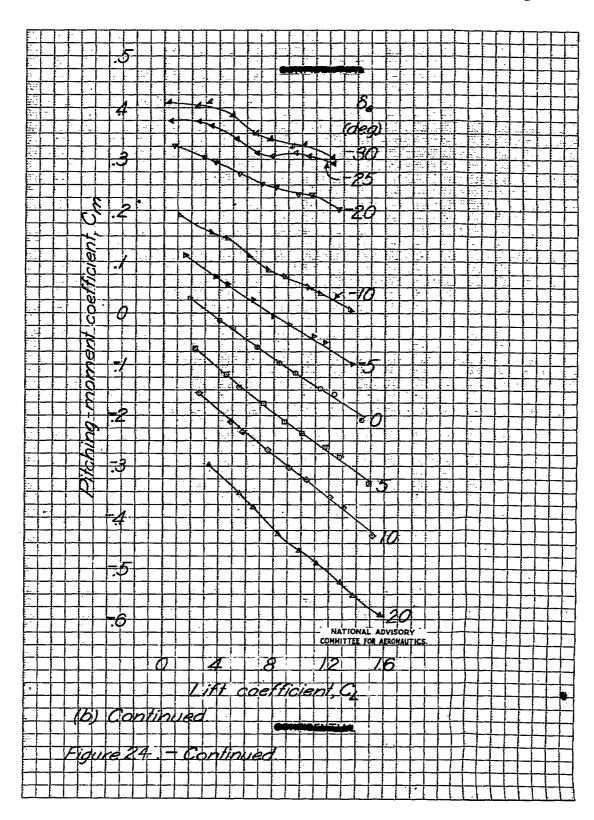


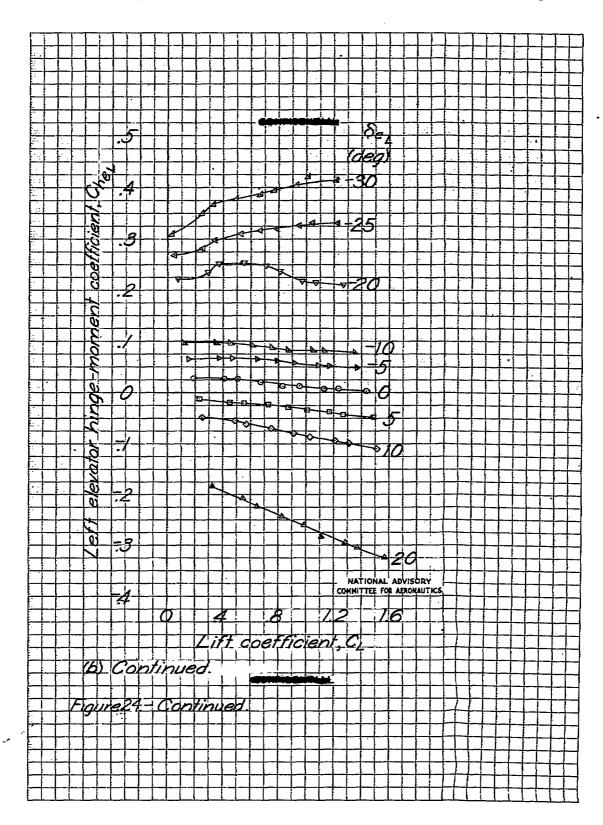










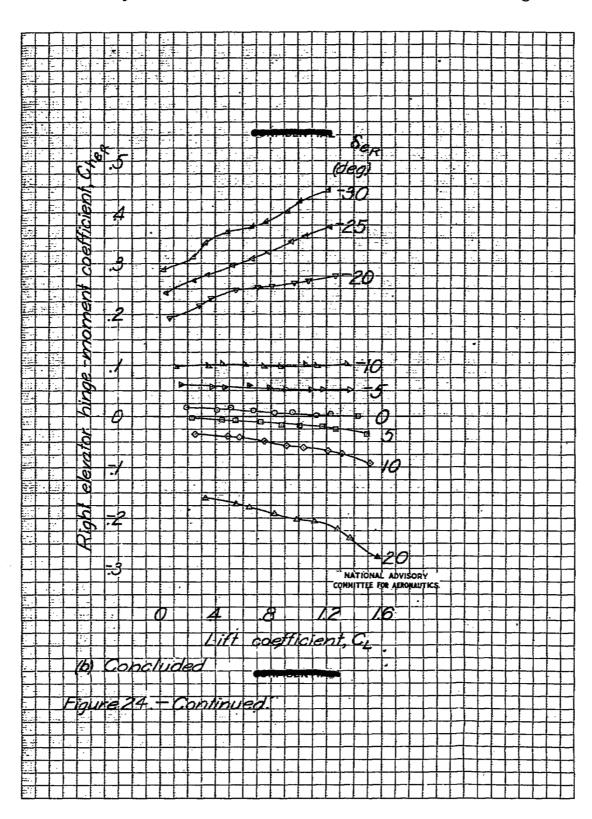


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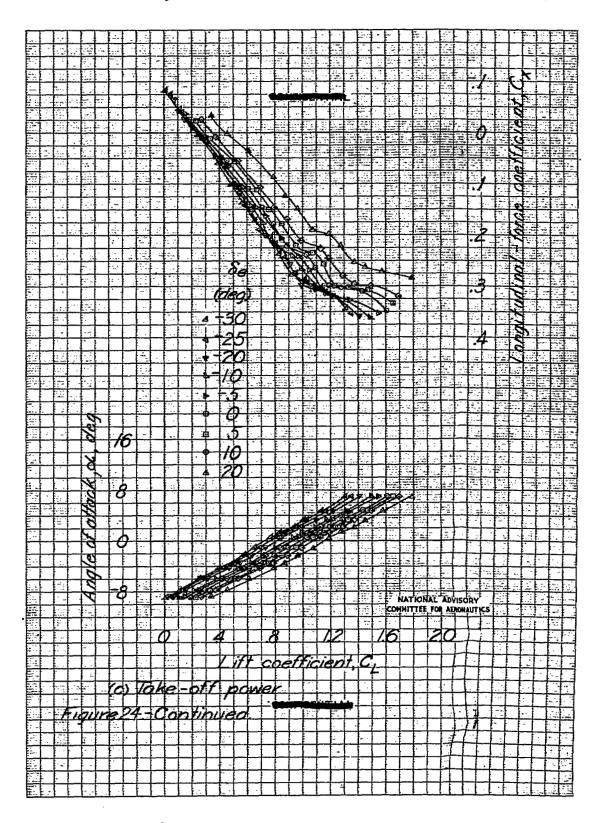
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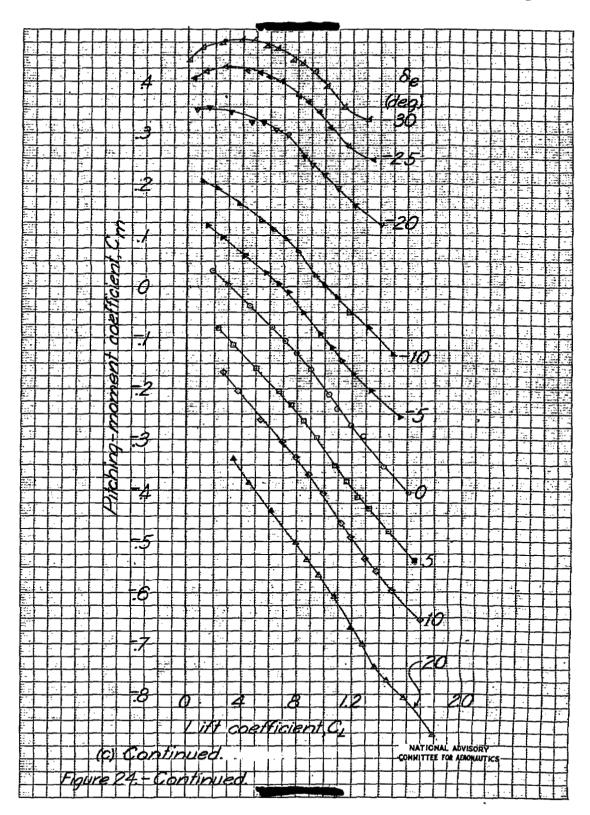




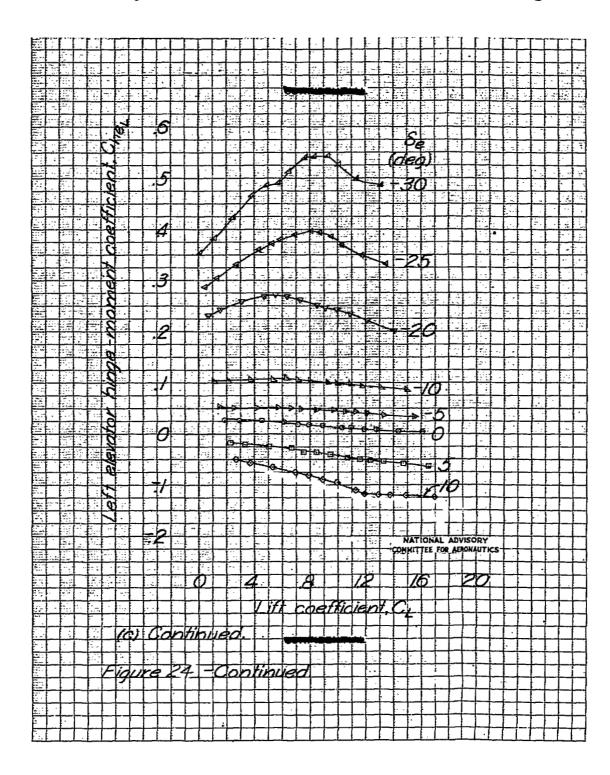




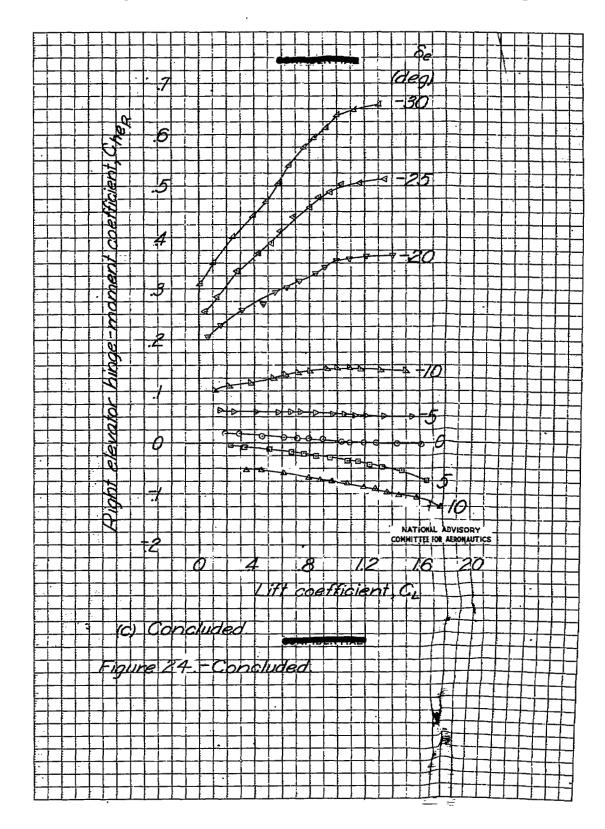




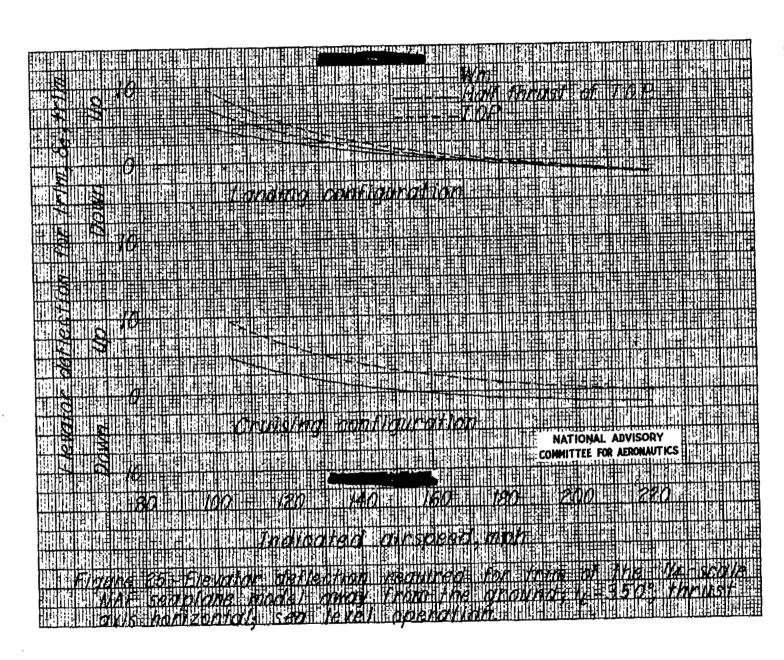


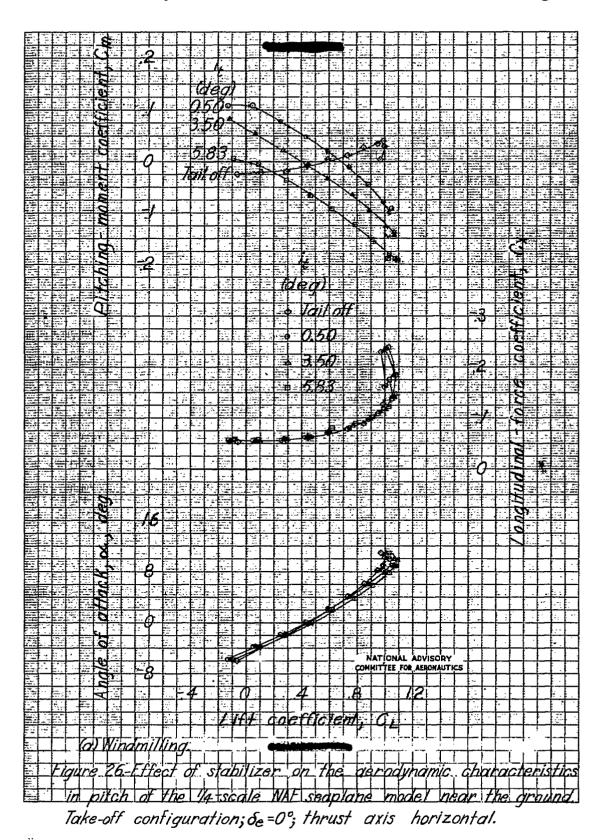




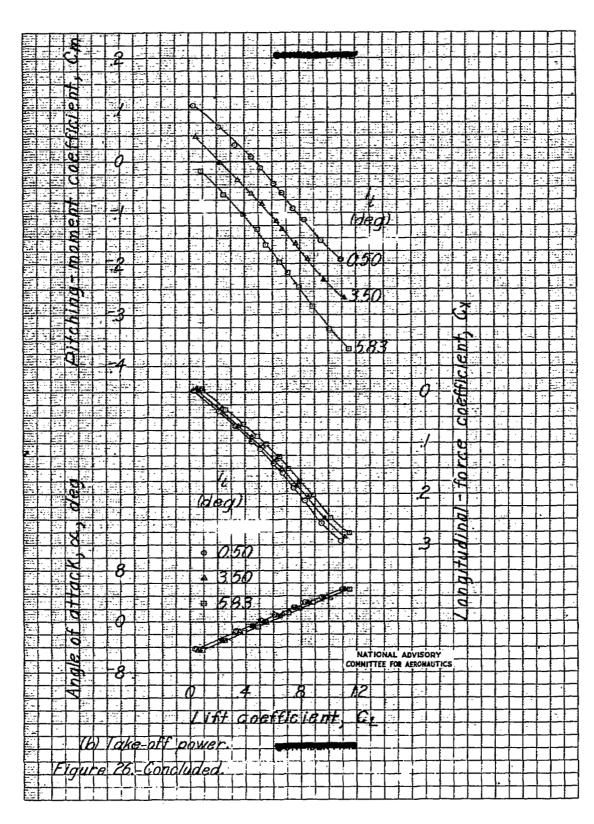


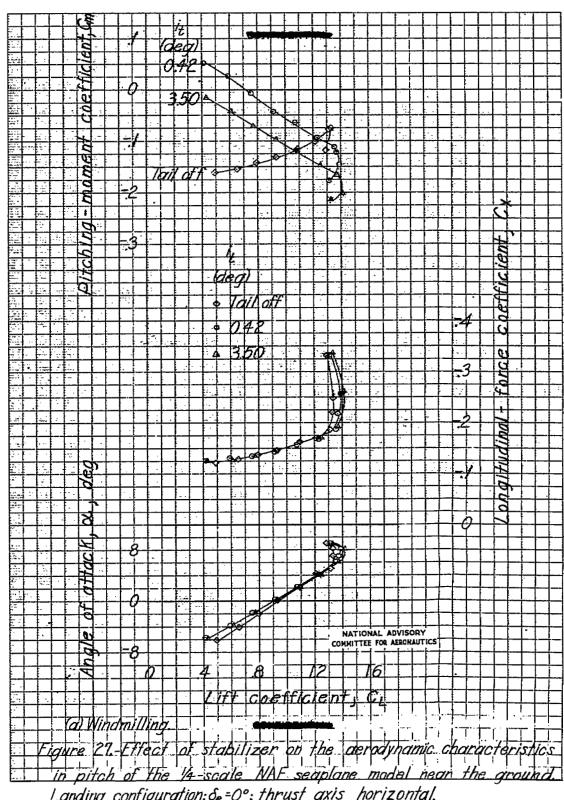




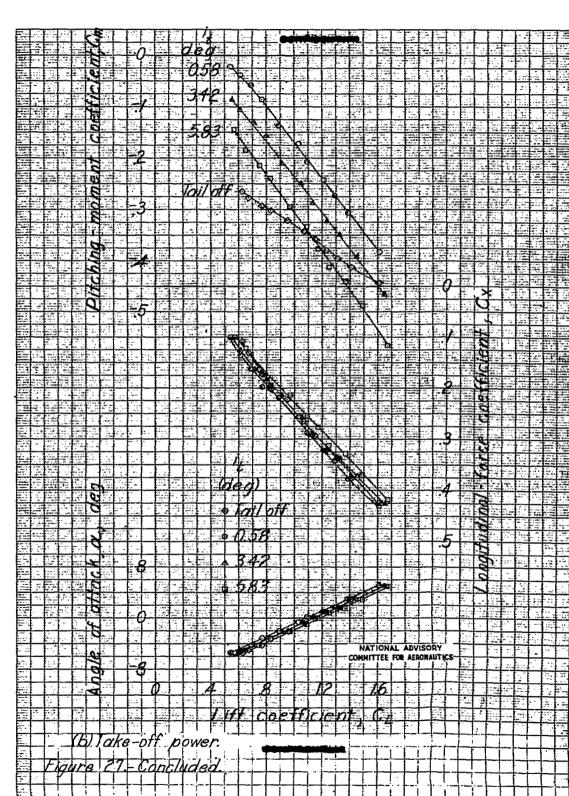


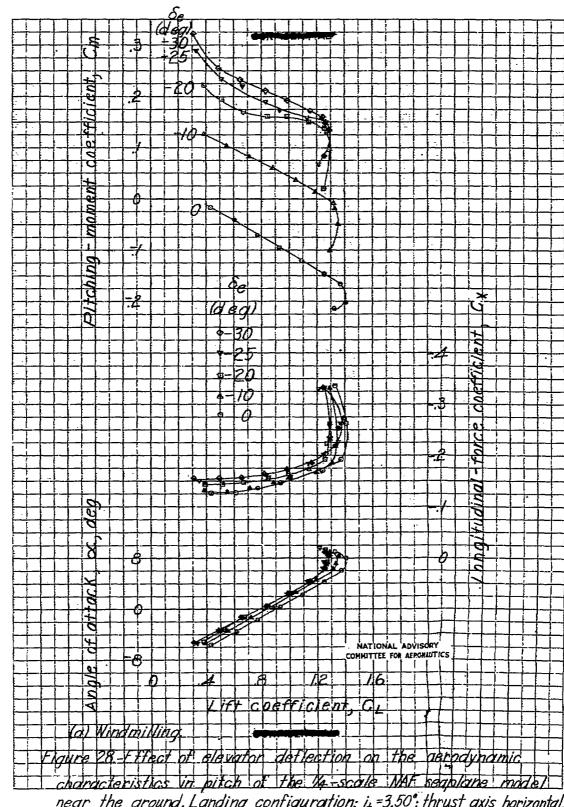






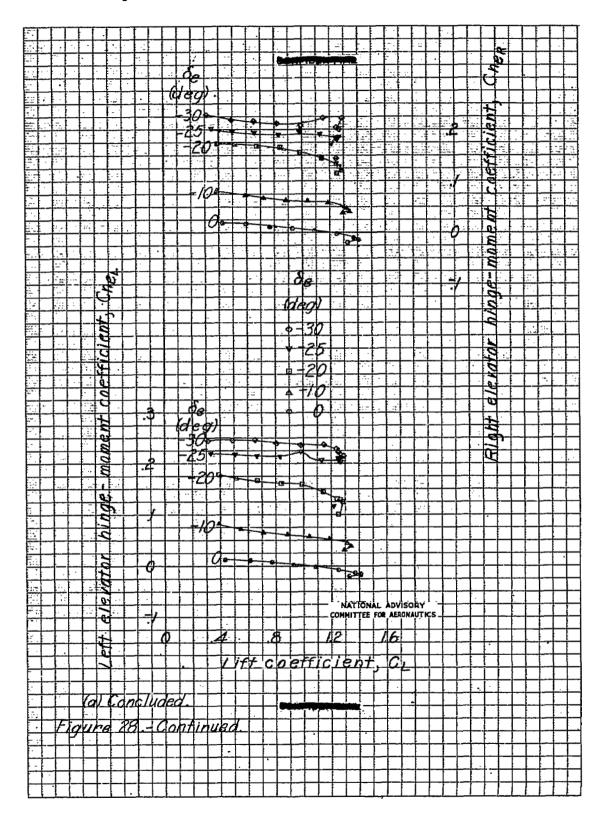
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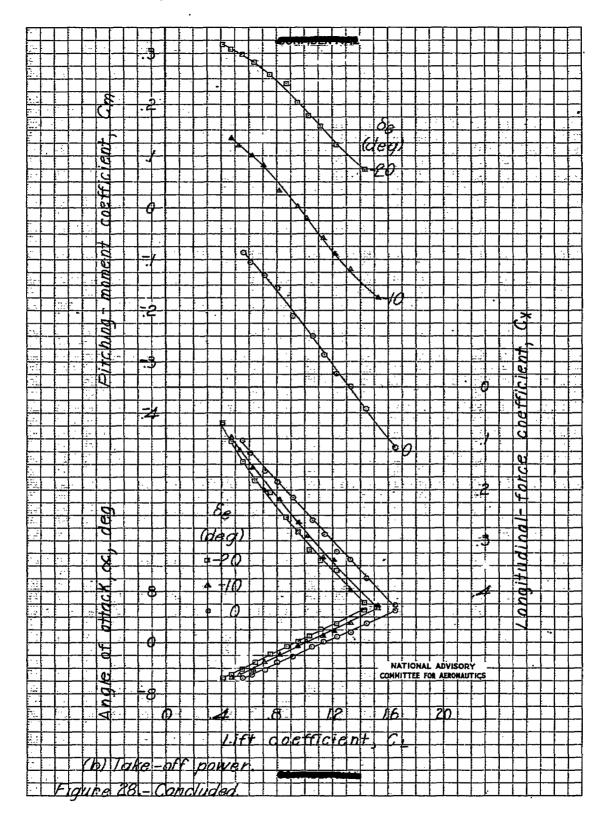


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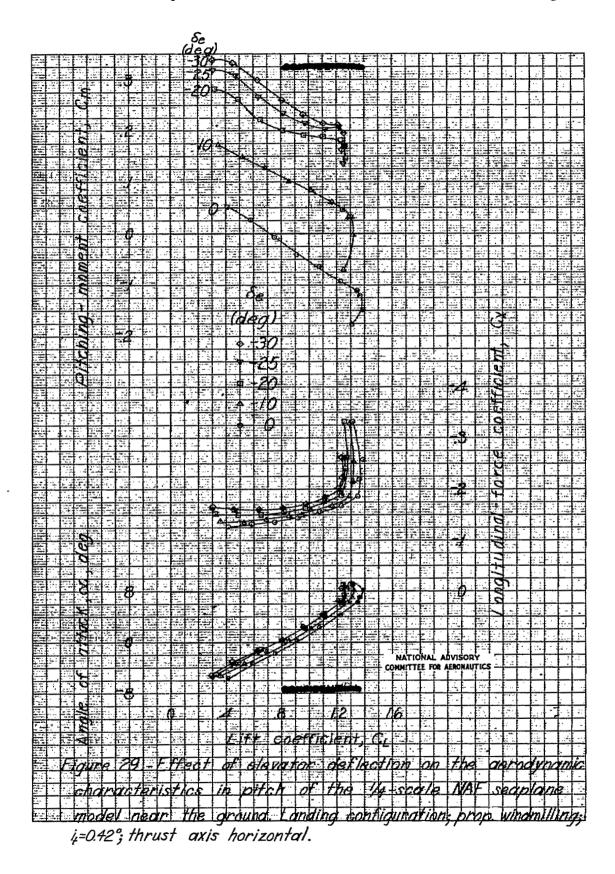




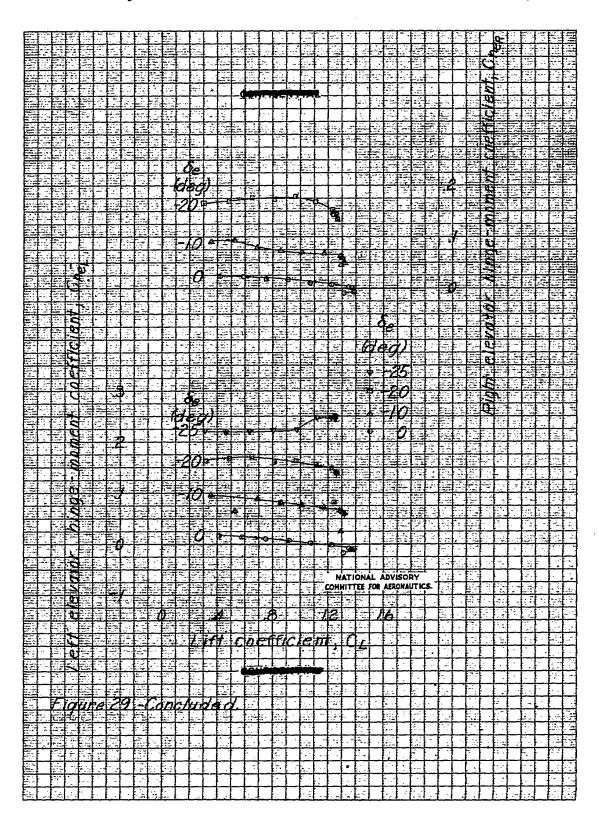


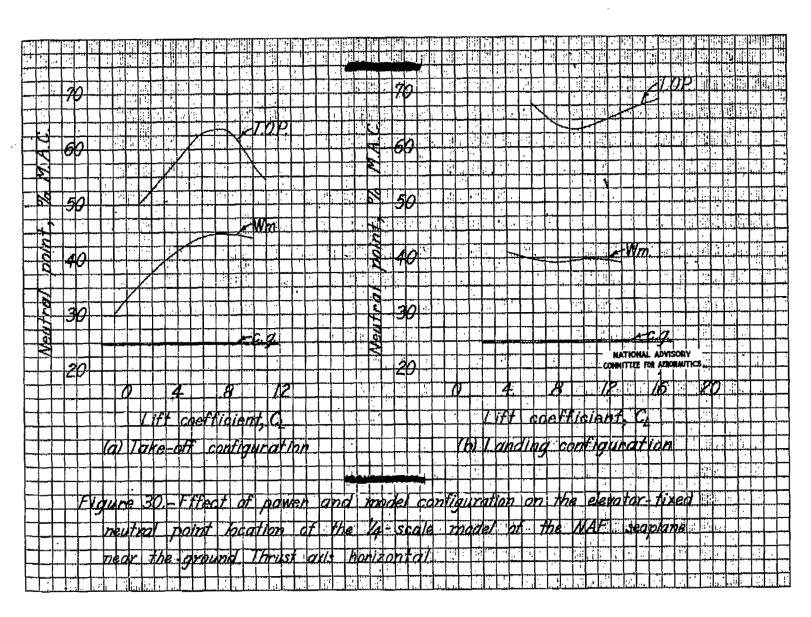




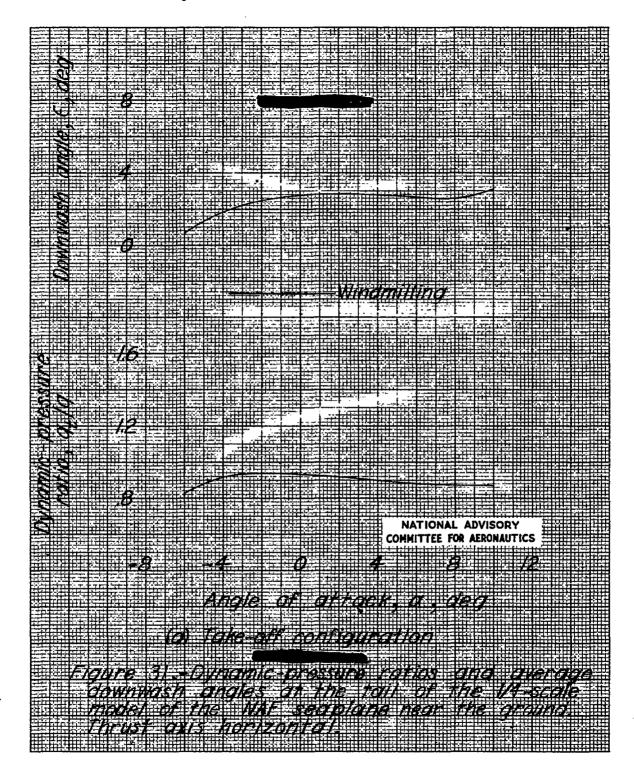




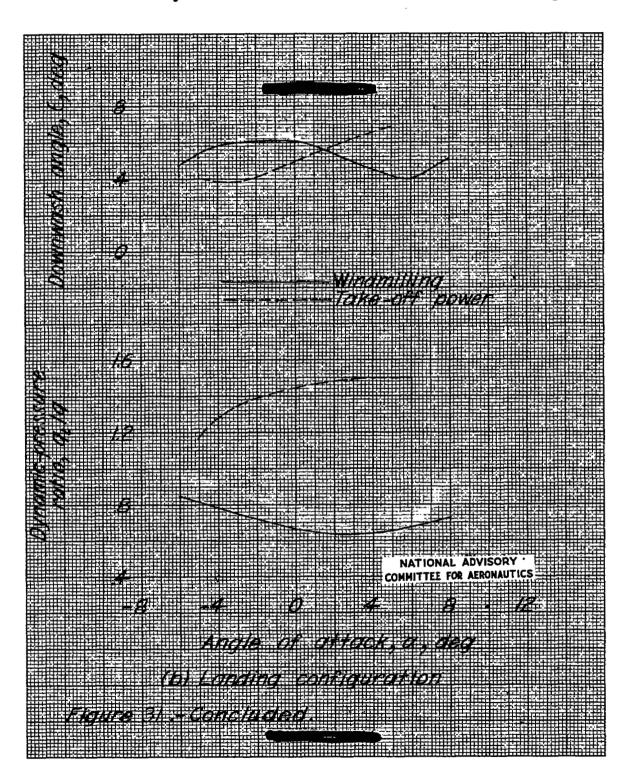


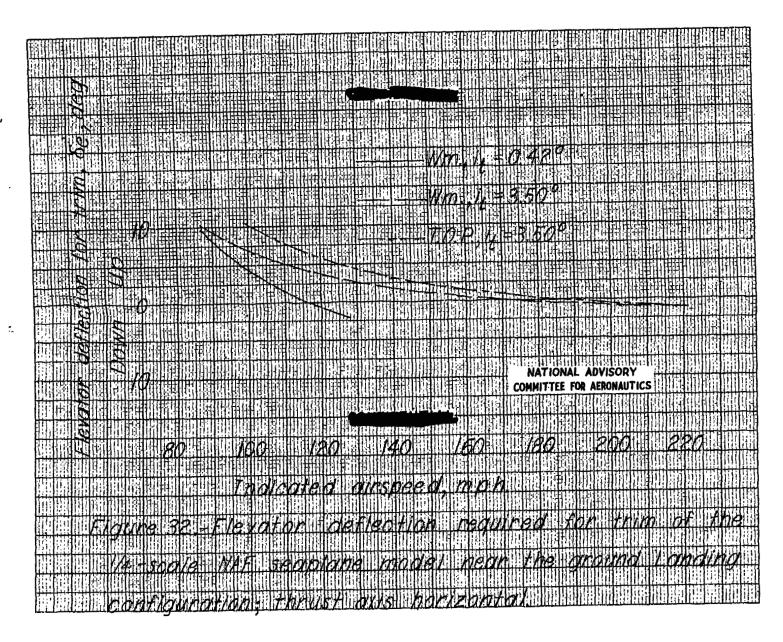










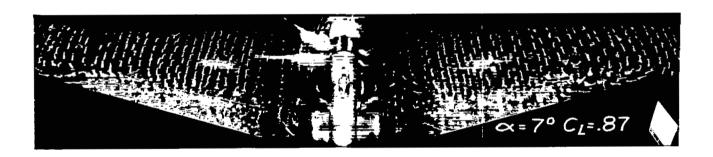


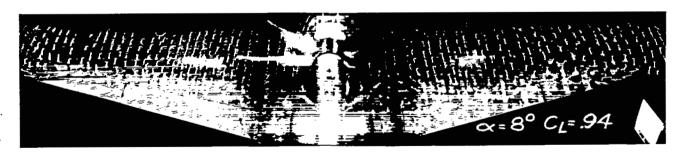
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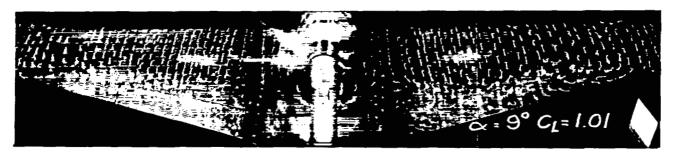


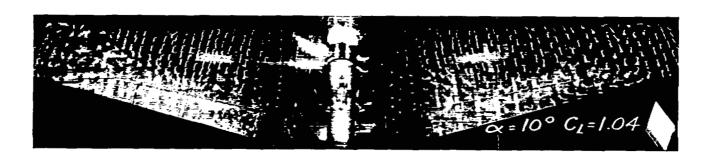
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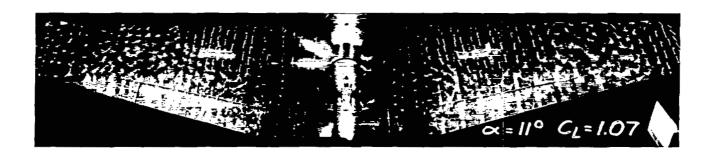
Figure 33.- Tuft studies of the 1/4-scale NAF seaplane model.

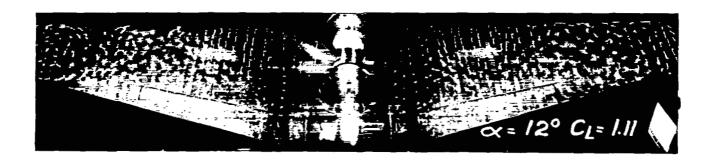
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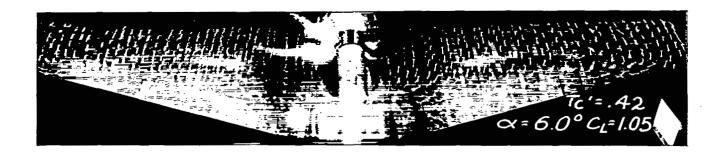
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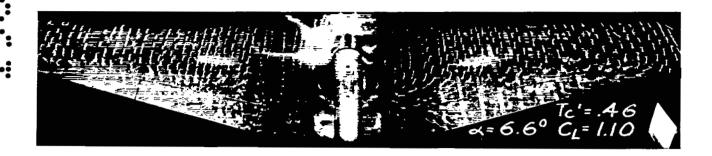


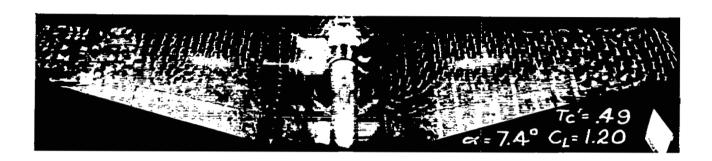


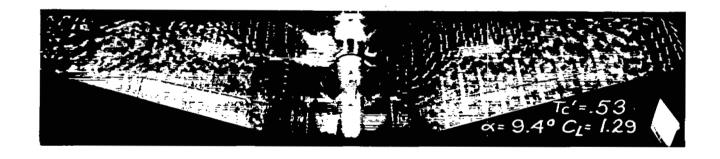


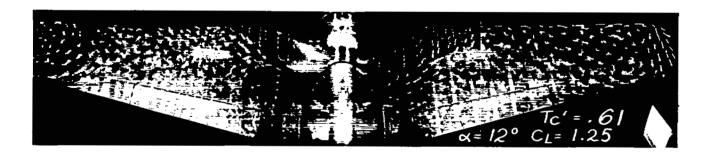
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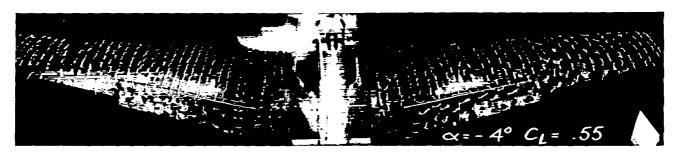


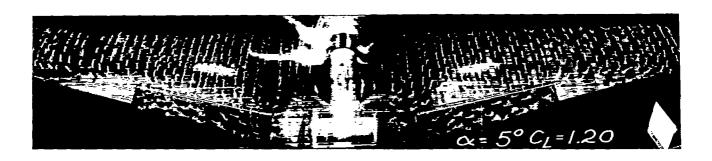


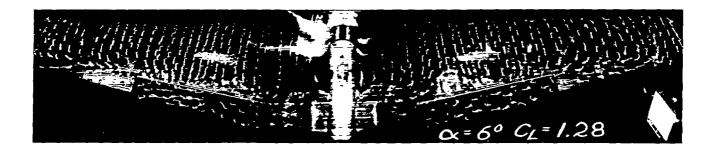
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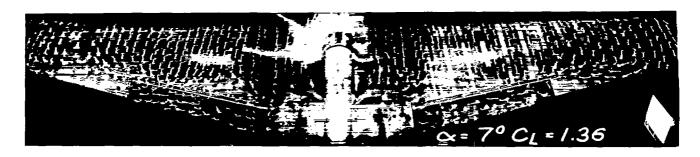


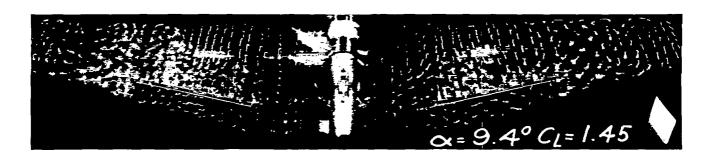
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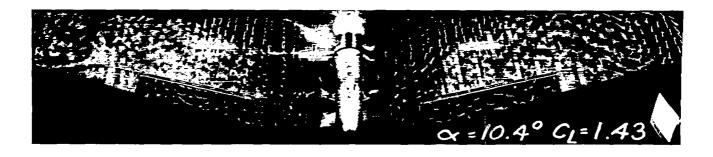
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Landing configuration.









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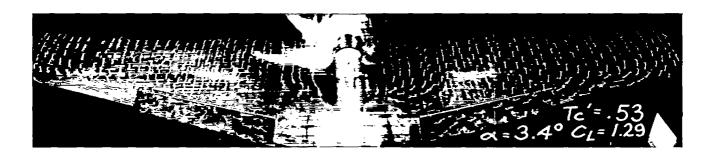
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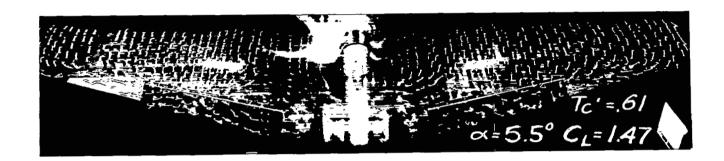


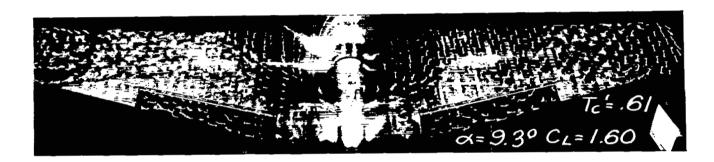


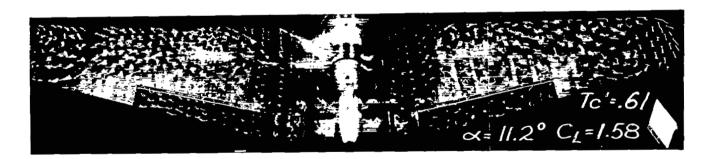
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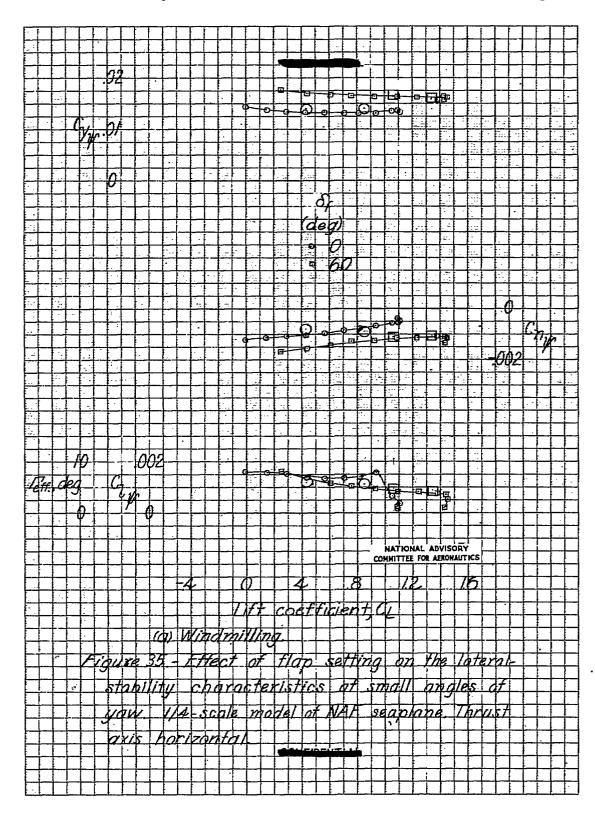




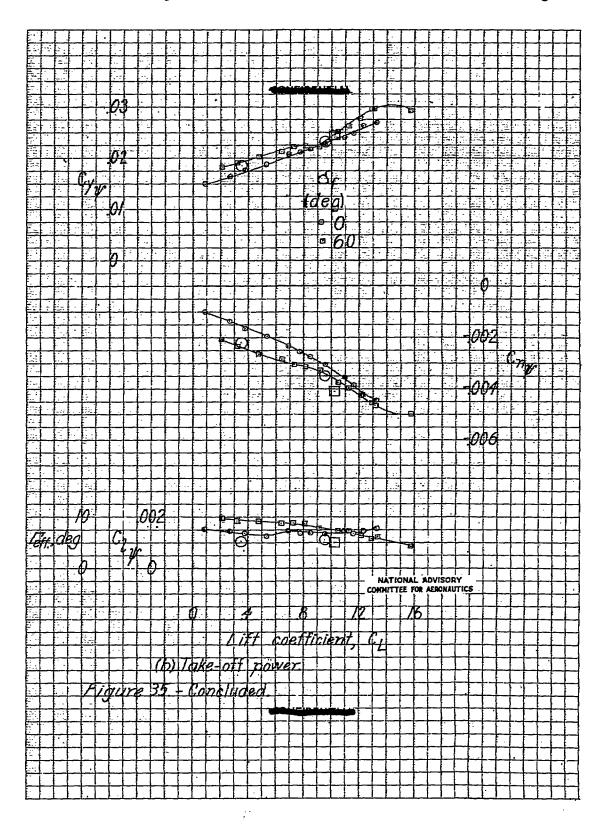
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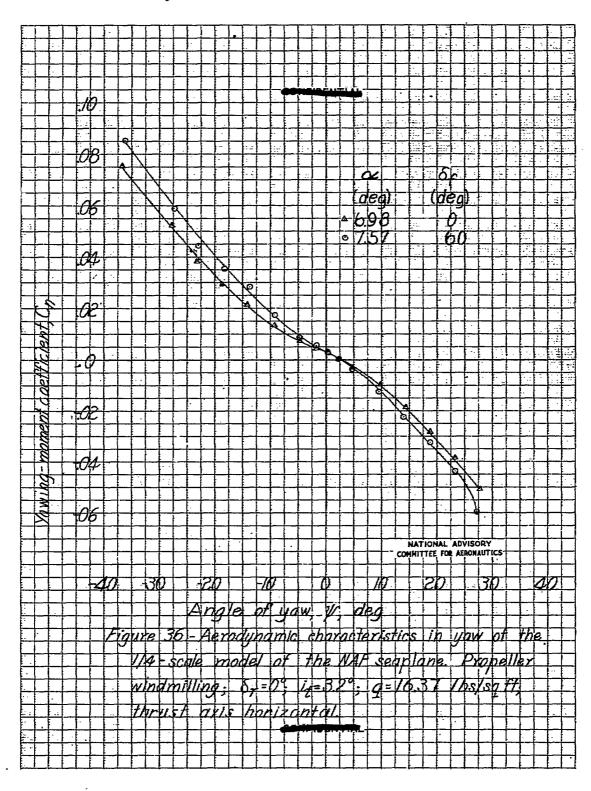




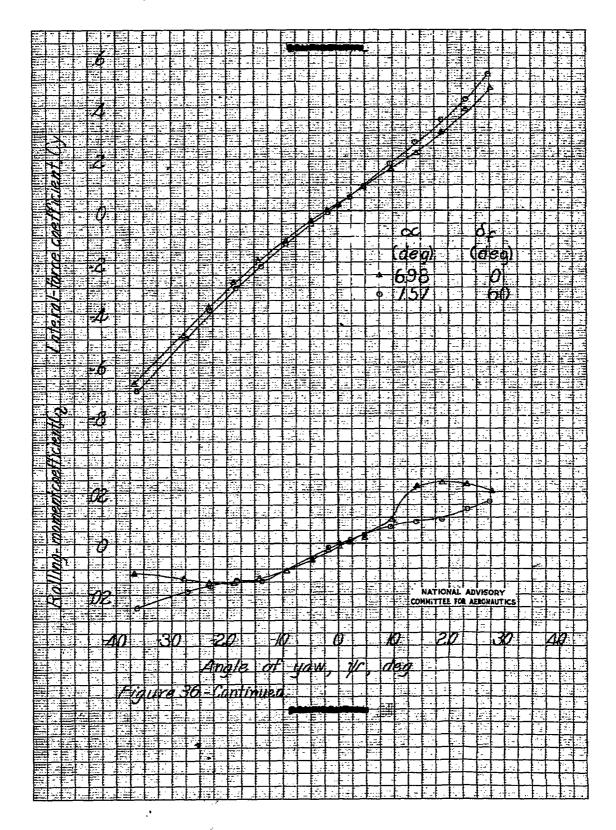




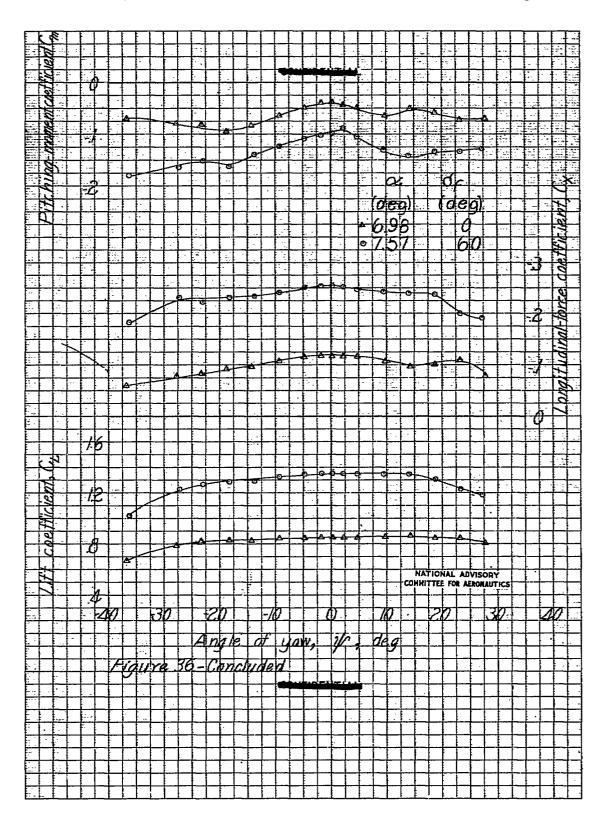


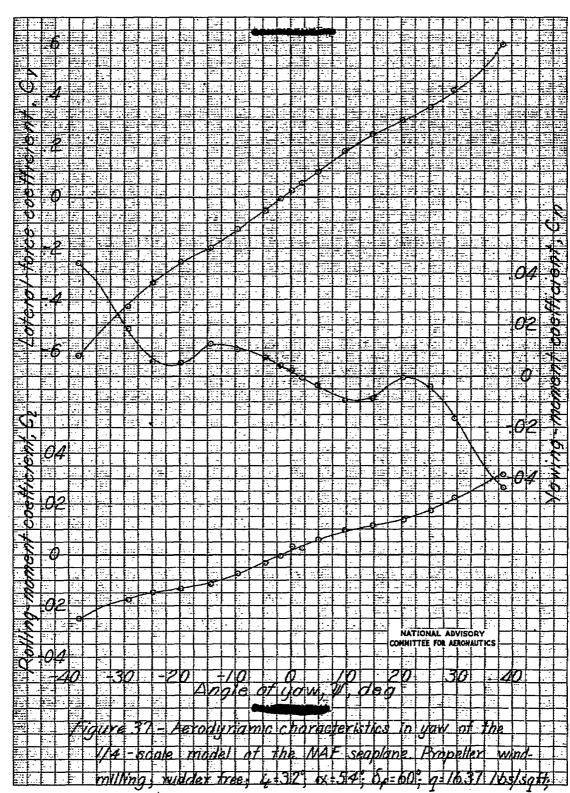






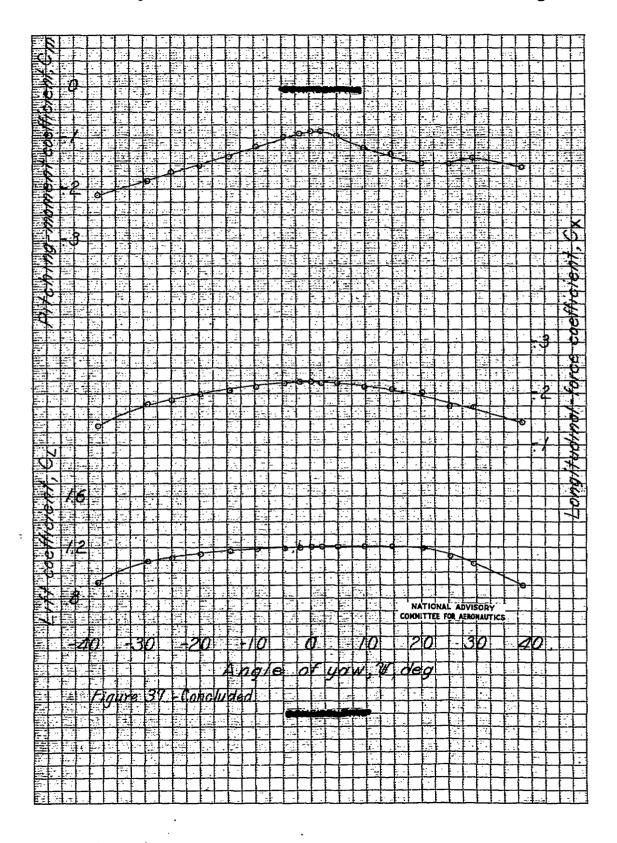




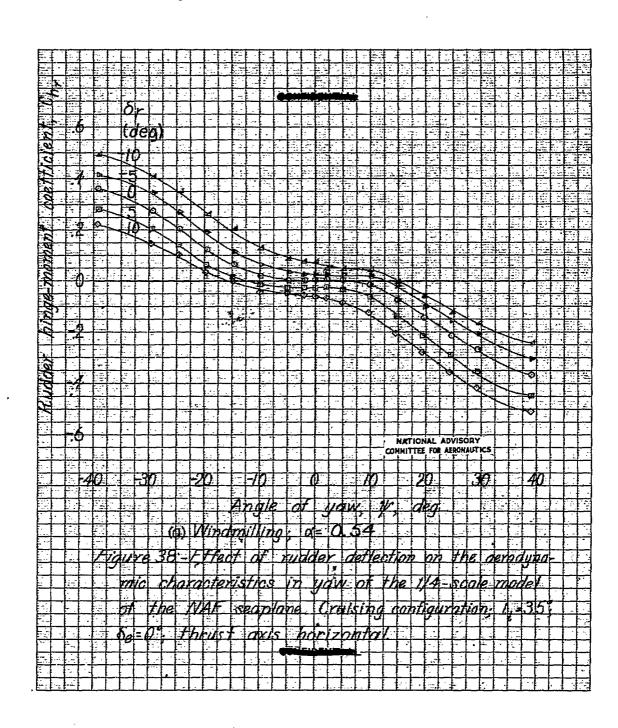


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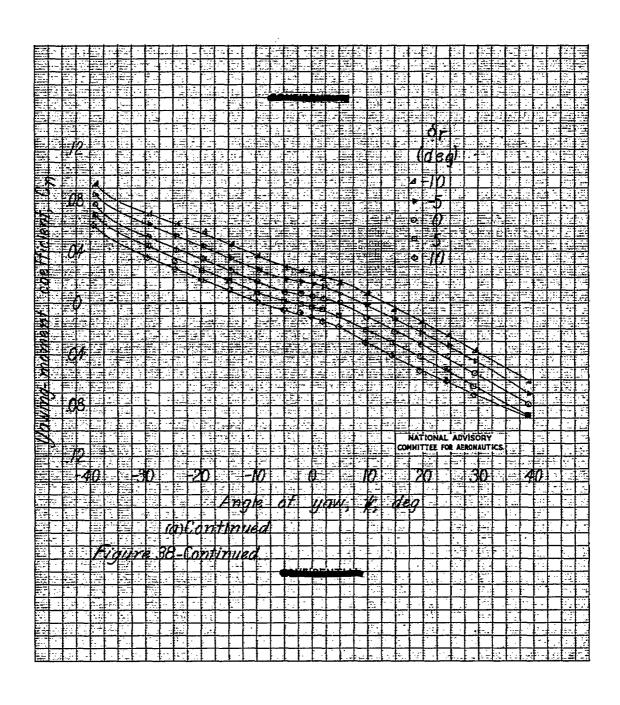




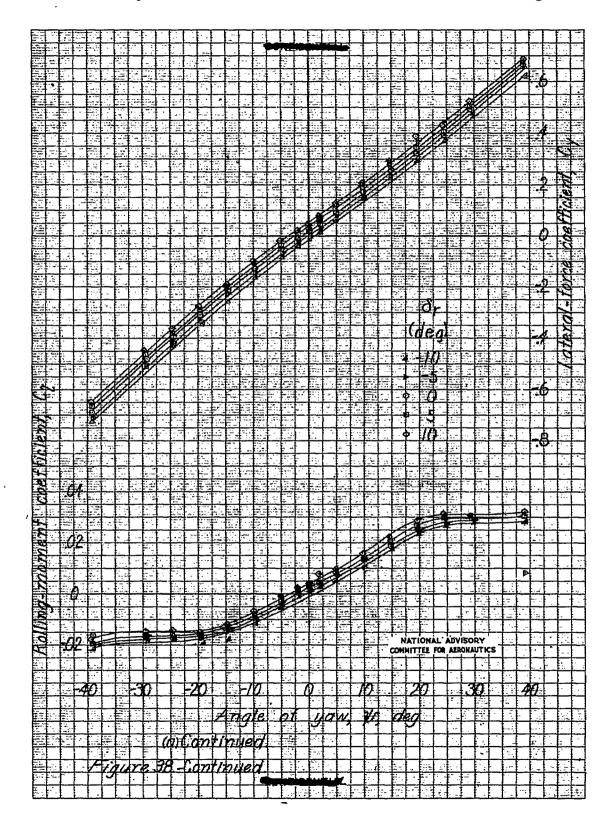




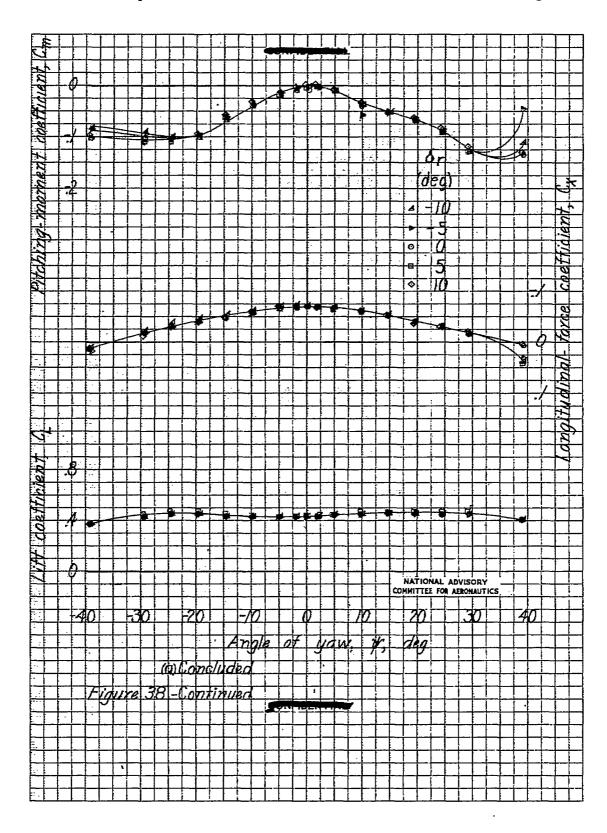




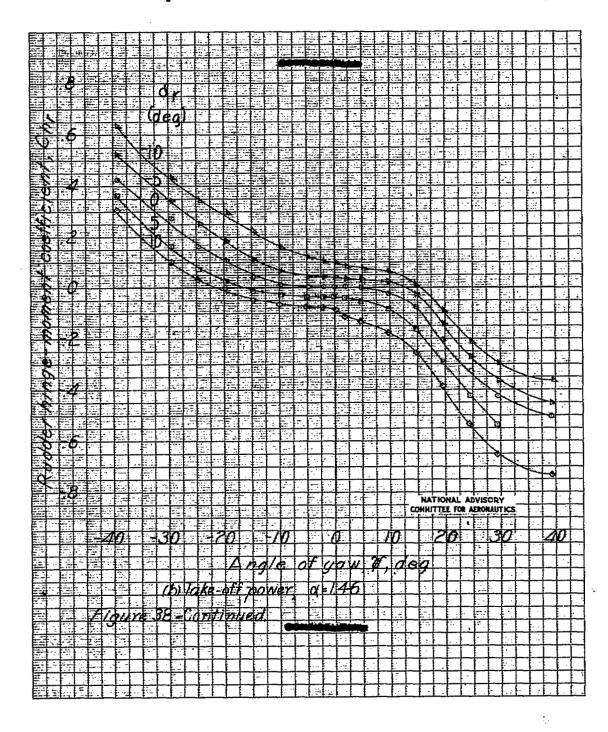




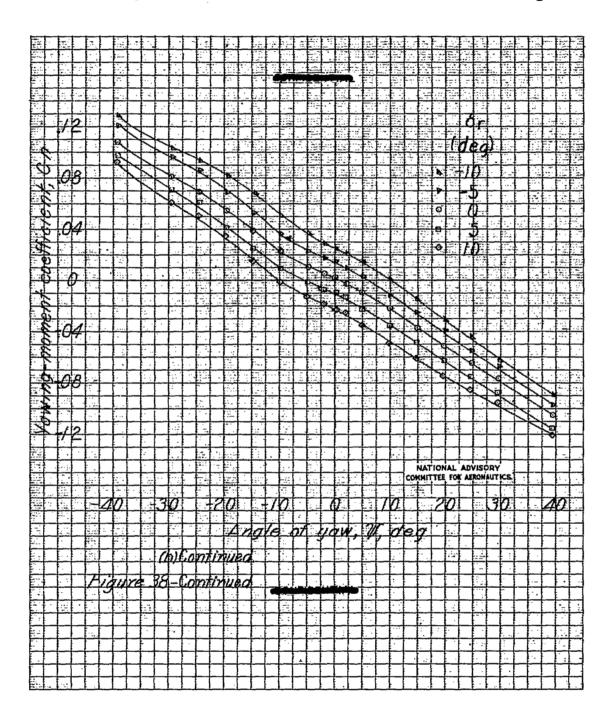




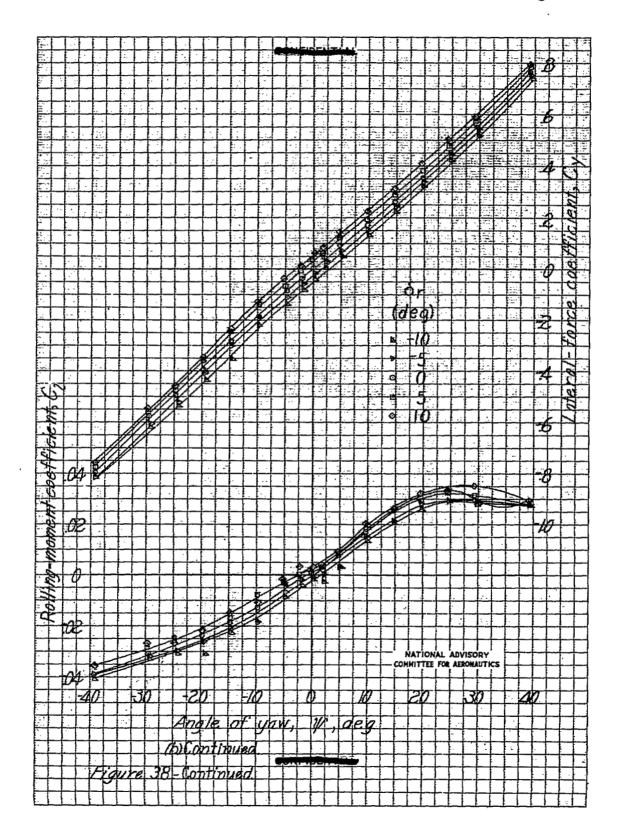


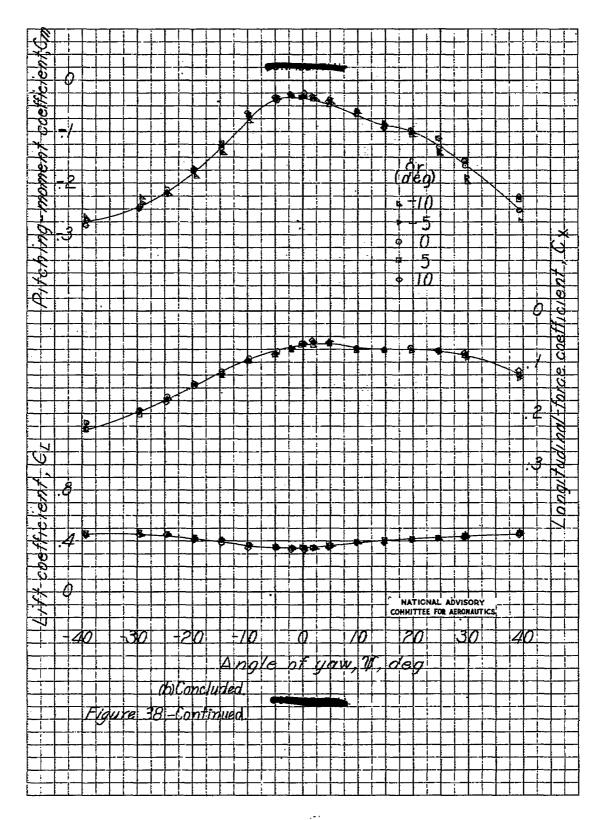




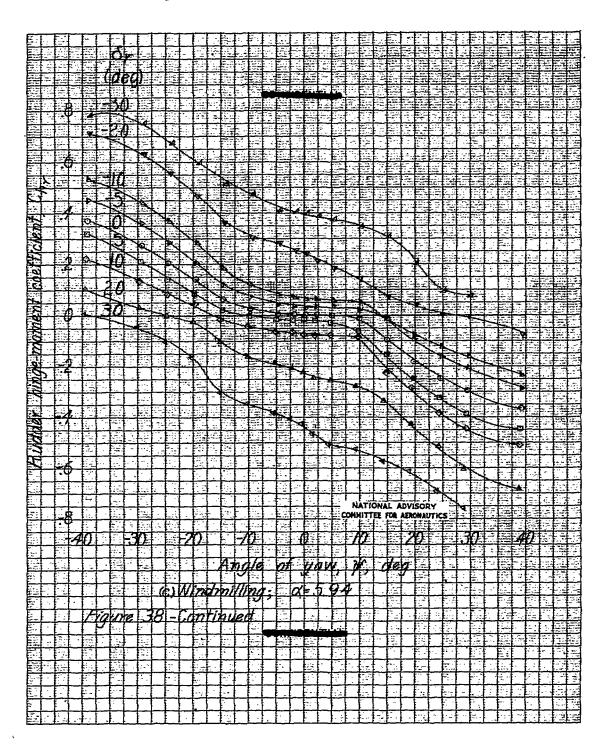




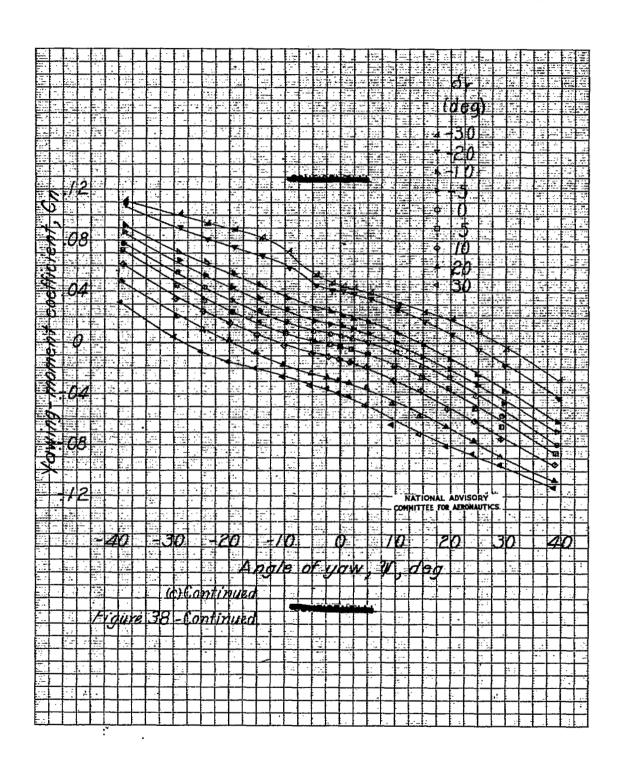




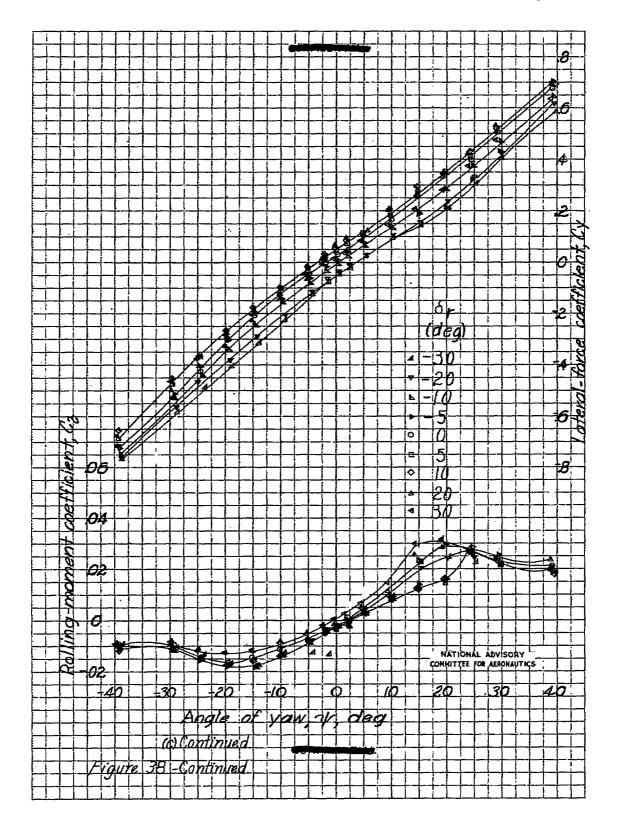




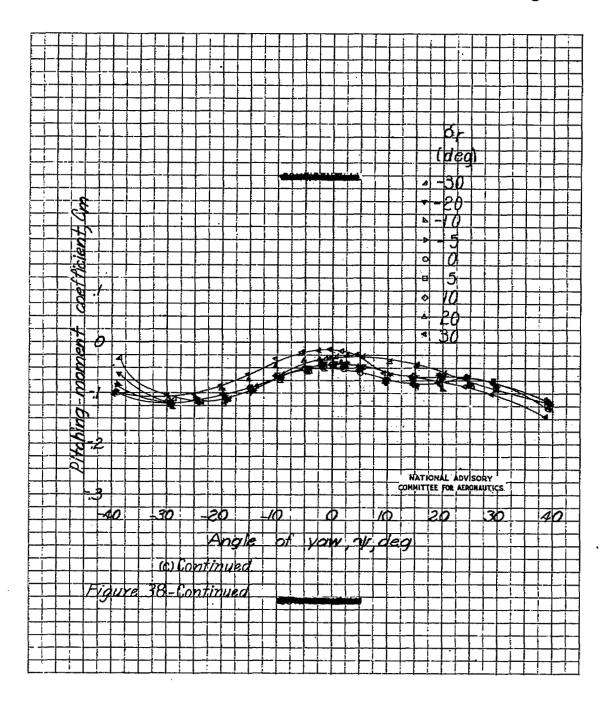




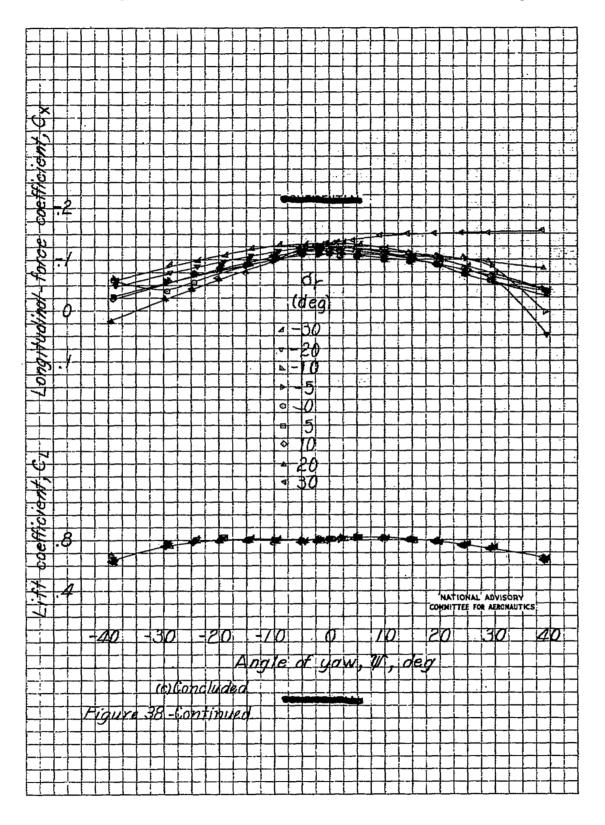




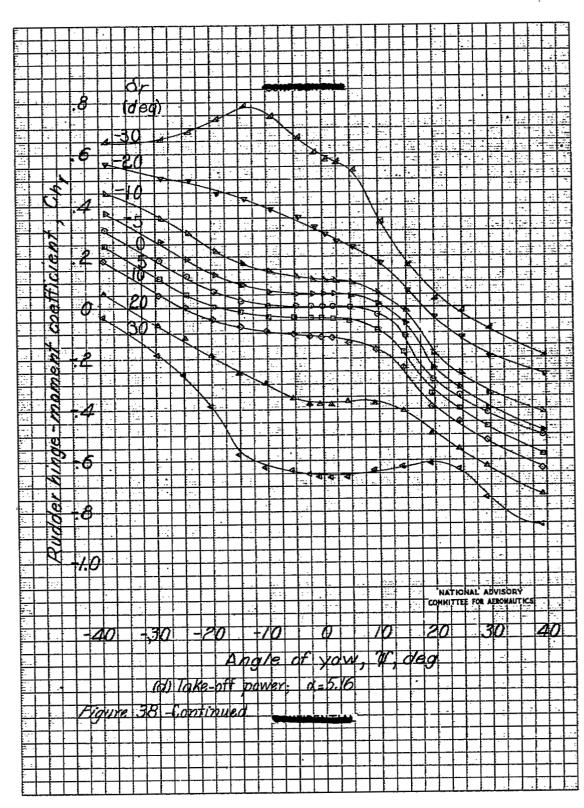




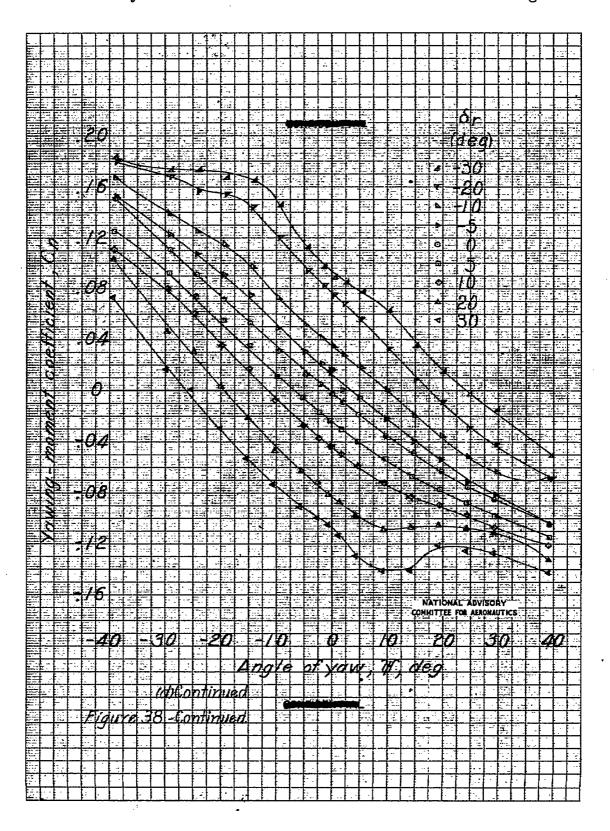




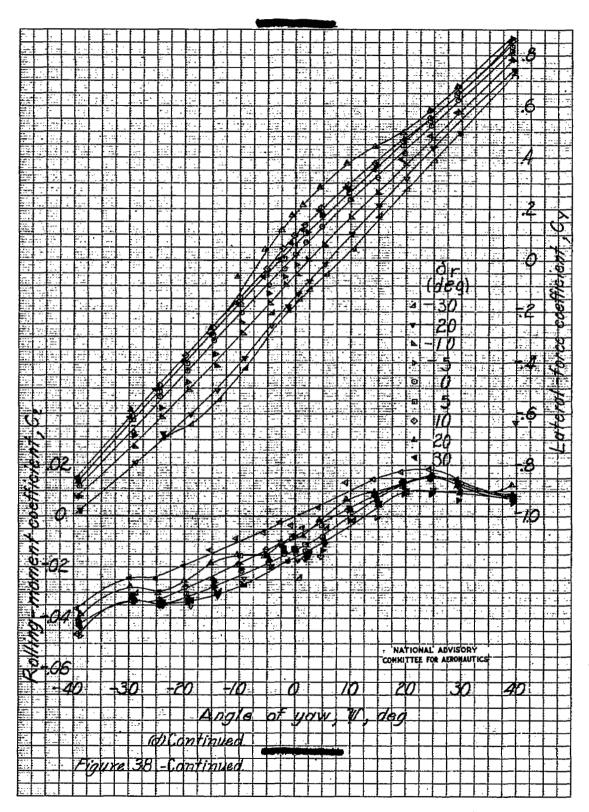




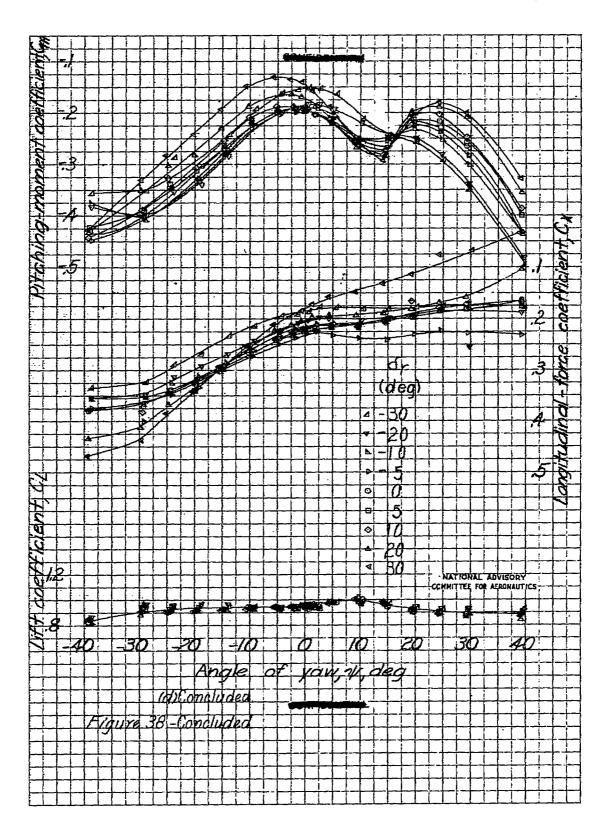




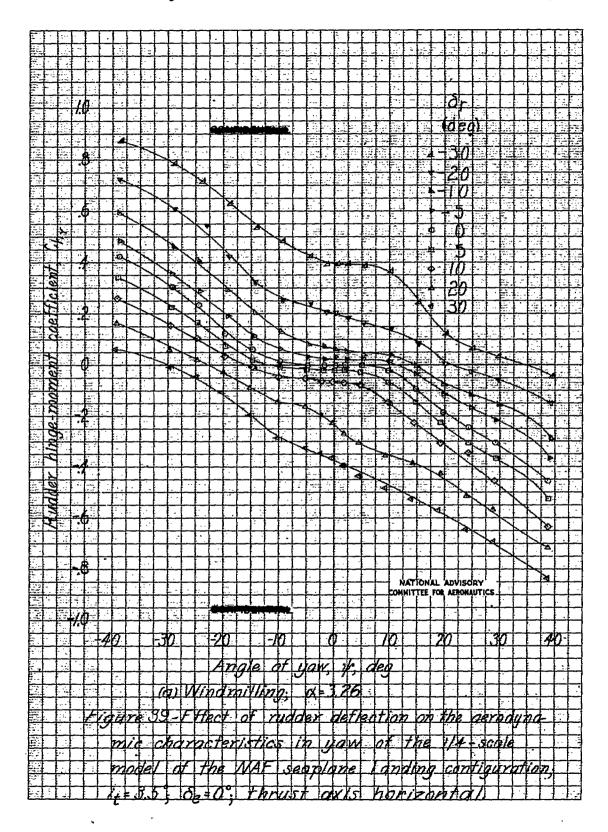


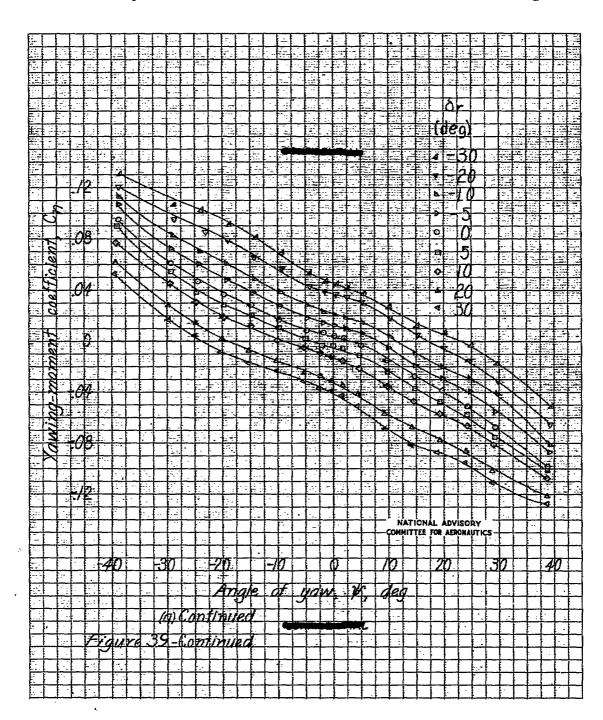




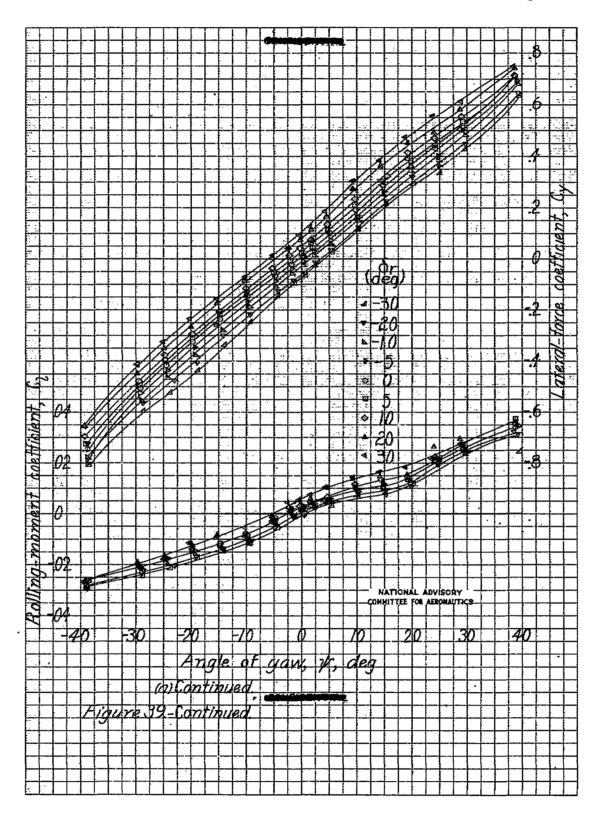




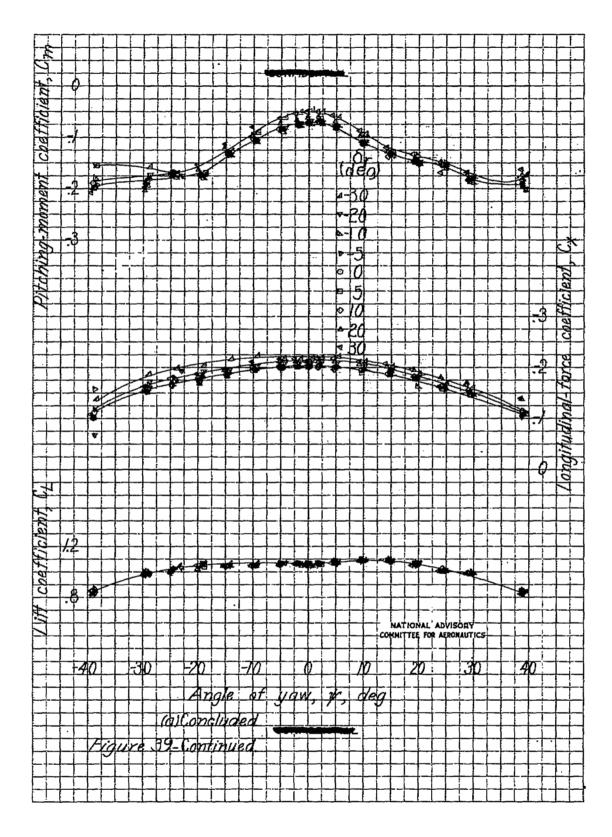




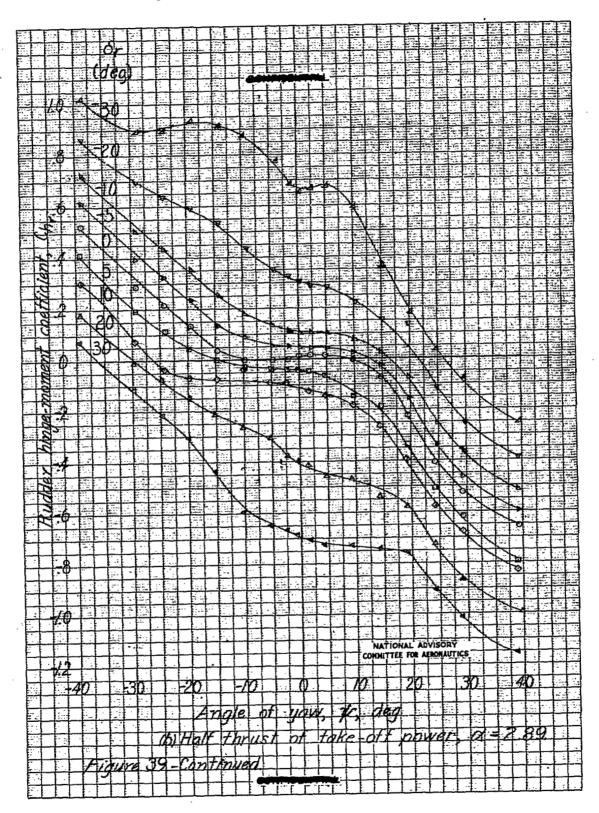


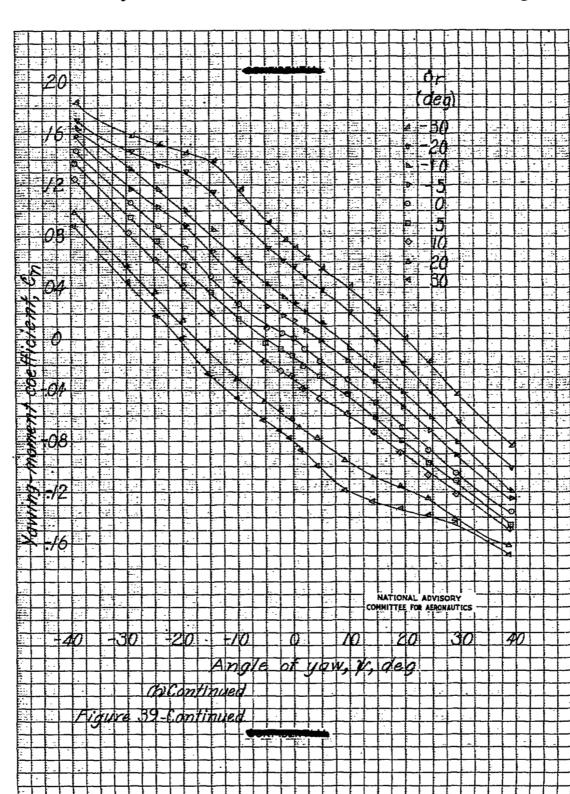




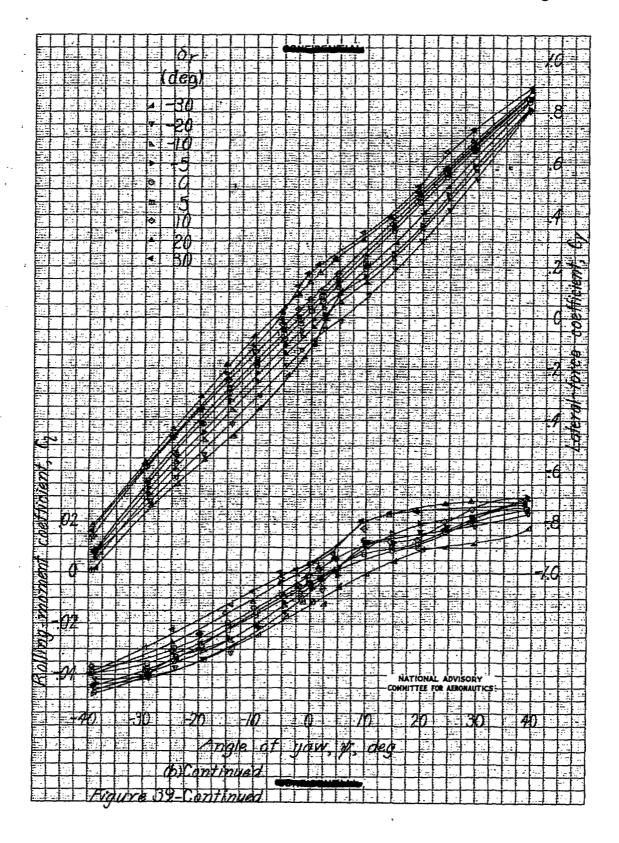


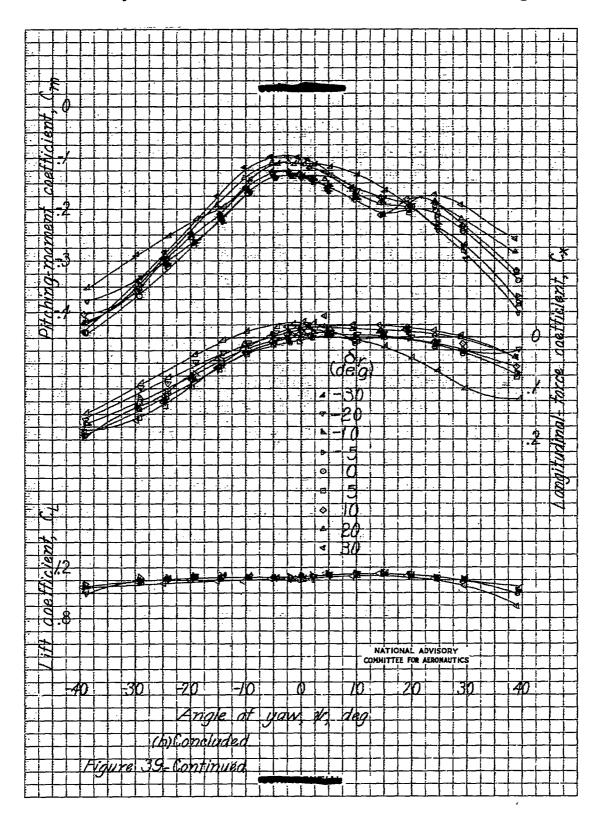


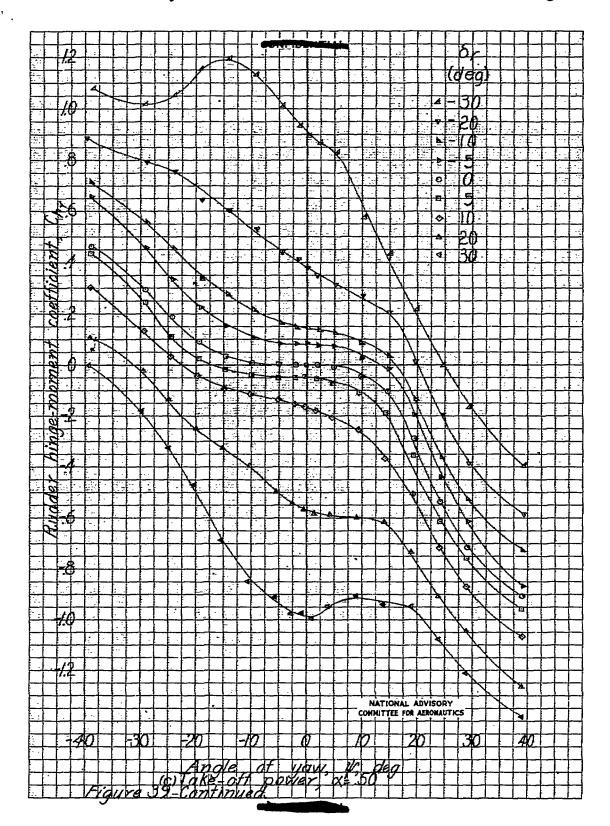




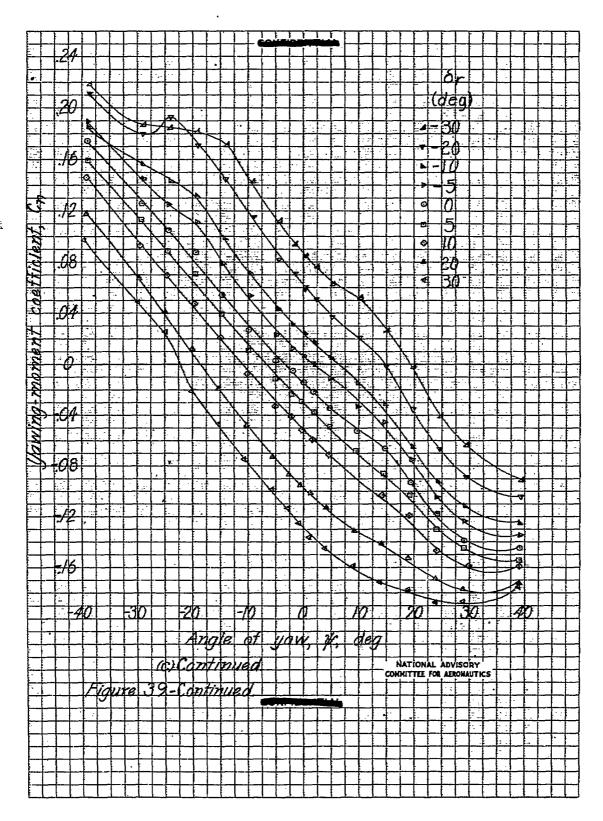


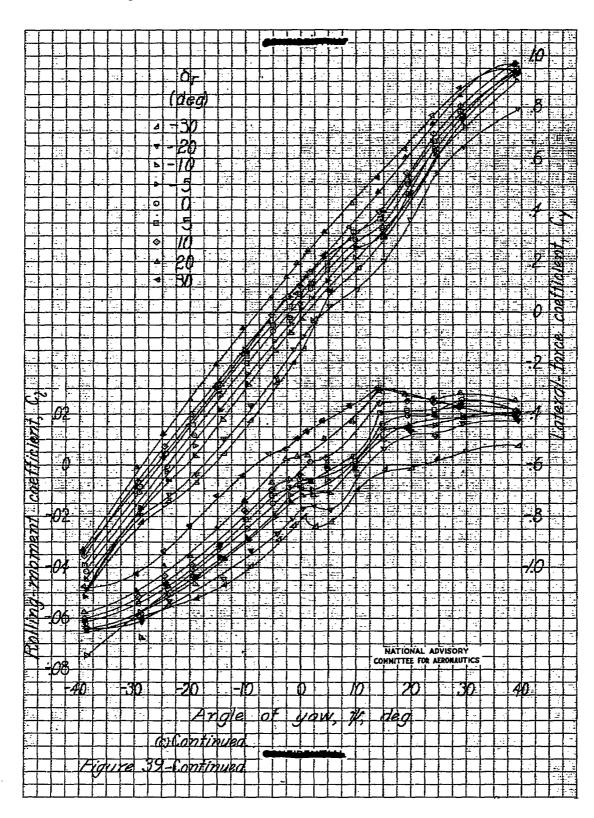




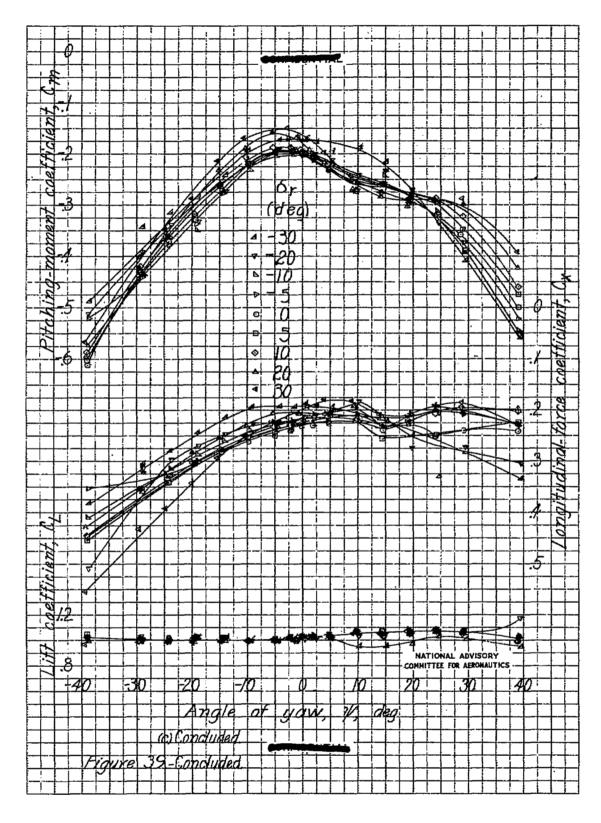




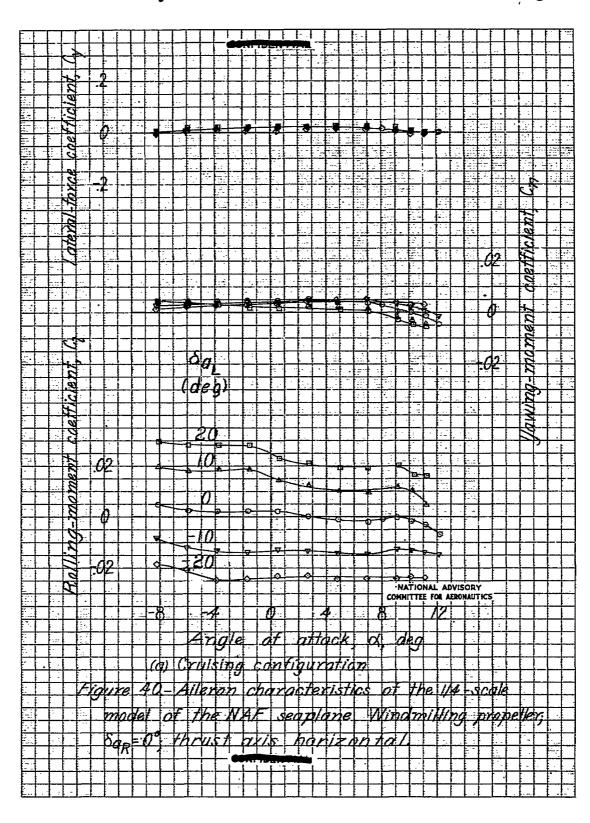




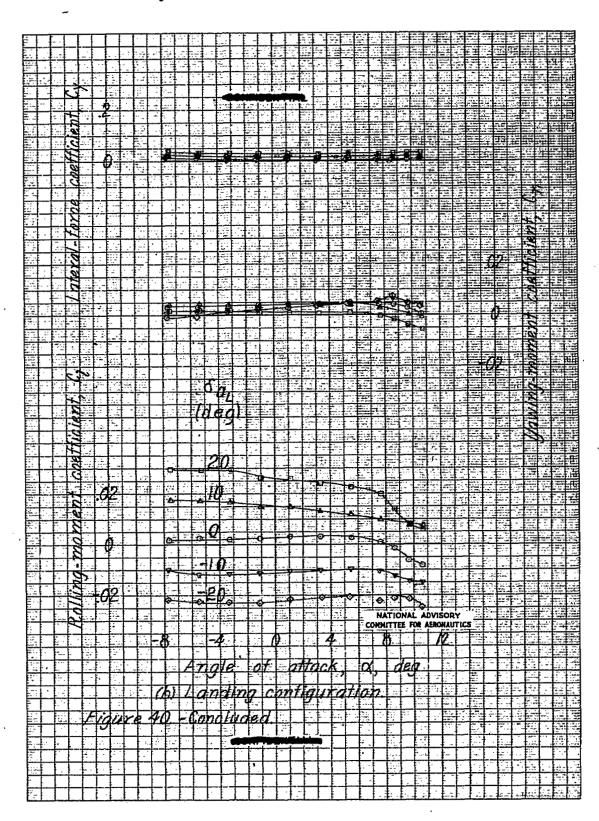












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